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RUMANIAN PREMIER DECLARES HIMSELF MILITARY DICTATOR

Claims Four-Day Rebellion Has Been Completely Crushed

Special to the "Telegraph"
BUDAPEST, JAN. 23 (UP).—GENERAL ION ANTONESCU, THE PREMIER OF RUMANIA, HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF FULL MILITARY DICTATOR.
IT IS REPORTED THAT ANTONESCU HAS REGAINED "COMPLETE MASTERY" OF THE NATION AND HAS CRUSHED THE FOUR-DAY REBELLION STAGED BY THE RADICAL IRON GUARDS.

DERNA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

New Facts About Tobruk's Fall
Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. dropped several tons of bombs on the barracks and other military targets at Derna on the night January 20-21, causing large fires which were visible 80 miles.

Other R.A.F. attacks were made in Albania, Rhodes and East Africa.

CATHOLIC FUNDS IN AMERICA Unfrozen Balances

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to the delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources.
It is understood that when the Administration was considering freezing foreign funds, Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.
It is felt that this situation can be overcome.
There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her financial position, but the frankness with which Britain has complied has undoubtedly helped her cause.

Mission In Turkey

Gen. Marshall-Cornwall
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
INSTANBUL, Jan. 23 (Dome).—It is revealed that Lieut-General J. H. Marshall-Cornwall of the British Middle East Command and other members of the British Military Mission have been conferring with Turkish authorities at Ankara during the past week.
While Turkey's attitude towards the entry of German troops into Bulgaria is believed to offer an important factor in the prospective Balkan situation, informed quarters point out that Turkey's attitude still remains negative and unchanged.

U. S. Delegate Talks With Yugo-Slav Government

VICHY, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy, who arrived in Belgrade last night, was received to-day by the Yugo-Slav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram.
Colonel Donovan told reporters that he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and that he hoped to visit Prince Paul (the Regent), the Vice-Premier, the War Minister and other military leaders.
He declined to say whether he had a personal message for the Regent from President Roosevelt. He said that his mission had nothing in

The Rumanian Legation stated to-day that the army was solidly backing General Antonescu, but it was admitted that fighting was still in progress in some centres.
The Legation also declared that the Rumanian General Staff had issued a communique denying reports that some Generals had rebelled. It was claimed that not a single man had deserted. The communique alleged that the rebels were mostly Communists and young Legionnaires who were rapidly surrendering.

It was affirmed that fierce fighting had occurred at Priah near the Russian frontier, and that about 50 were killed. The rebels are defending their positions from house to house, surrendering only when they are encircled.

The Brasov Radio, which is again under the control of General Antonescu this afternoon broadcast decrees ordering everyone to surrender all their weapons and ammunition to the authorities and stating that the rebels all over the country had surrendered and that peace and order had been restored.

Antonescu Negotiating

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship in Rumania, according to the Yugo-Slav newspaper "Vereme."
Yugo-Slav reports quoted by the Budapest radio stated that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation but it added that the Rumanian radio has warned the people against staying in the streets as "the disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting."
Rumanian troops have already re-occupied the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building, according to some reports, though it is stated that fighting still continues in Bucharest and in other large towns.
Yugo-Slav circles, the Budapest announcer added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.

East African Campaigns Pressure Maintained

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Imperial troops are now in contact with the Italian forces which withdrew from the Kassala area and which are now holding defensive positions, declared a communique issued to-day.
Operations continued to develop successfully.
Pressure on the enemy east of Metemma, Abyssinia, was being maintained.
In the Kenya offensive, activities by Imperial patrols continue.

S. African's Success

NAIROBI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a mid-day raid on Yavel, low aerodrome in Abyssinia.
Following a reconnaissance during which bombs straddled the main targets, two waves of aircraft went over. The first showed high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, directly hitting one Caproni which burst into flames.
The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.
One pilot dropped a salvo directly on a hangar while another pilot hit hutments and barracks.
The raid was made by the same squadron, which recently destroyed two Italian aircraft and crippled four more at the same aerodrome. This squadron alone has already carried out 63 operations against the Italians.

PROPOSES WAR GIFT As Substitute To Aid British Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senators Ed Johnson and Robert Taft to-day introduced a substitute for the Aid Britain and the Johnson Bills, authorising an outright gift of \$2,000,000,000 worth of war materials, provided Britain gives the United States complete information on performance, and agrees to make all her purchases in the United States.
Senator Taft said that the Bill would authorise the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend Britain \$1,000,000,000, Canada \$500,000,000 and Greece \$50,000,000.

Sicilian Aerodromes Attacked By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of January 22-23.
A Middle East communique from R.A.F. Headquarters says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.

Japan To Mediate In Thailand Dispute; Vichy Accepts Offer

Special to the "Telegraph"
VICHY, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that the French Government has accepted the offer made by the Japanese Government to mediate in the frontier dispute between Thailand and Indo-China.
The Government instructed the French Ambassador at Tokyo, M. Arsene Henry to arrange details for arbitration.

PETAIN'S STALLING ANNOYS THE NAZIS

("Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)
LONDON, Jan. 23.—The news from Vichy or rather from Paris, appears to indicate that the situation has not developed as the Germans had hoped and expected.

Jervis Bay Unknown Heroes

"Gazette" Tribute
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—An unusual tribute to the unknown heroes, dead and living, of the Jervis Bay epic is made in a supplement to the "London Gazette" issued to-night.
After announcing a series of awards, including two George Crosses and nine George Medals, the "Gazette" adds: "Among those who went down with the Jervis Bay, there must have been many, among the survivors and others, whose gallantry, were the whole truth be known, deserves decoration. The above appointments and awards should be taken as an honour to the ship as also to those who earned them."
The Jervis Bay, an armed merchant cruiser, was sunk while protecting a convoy of 38 ships in mid-Atlantic last November against an attack by a German raider. Her commander, Captain E. S. F. Fegen, who went down with the ship, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

India-H.K. Air Link

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Members of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation have left here for Calcutta in their own plane, via Agni.
Their proposals to link up India with a direct air route to Chungking and Hongkong are under examination by the Government of India.

Queen Visits Raid Shelters

Their Majesties are constantly visiting their subjects in the bombed areas of London and other cities, cheering and consoling them with kindly words. Here we see Her Majesty chatting to little victims of Nazi aggression whilst having their dinner in an air raid shelter.



Artillery Duel

HANOI, Jan. 23 (UP).—The quiet on the Laos front which had lasted since last week was broken on the night of January 21-22 by an exchange of shells at Thakhet, four people being wounded.
On the morning of the 22nd, 30 shells were fired at Vientiane, and during the afternoon 20 more shells came over, causing slight damage; French artillery returned the fire.
Last night there was heavy Thai shooting at Banhouesal, north of Luangprabang, and this morning the Thais advanced against an undefended post outside of Bassac. The French remained on the east bank of the Mekong River.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—

The grand total subscription to the All-India Defence Loans up to January 18 was nearly 480,000,000 rupees.

Lindbergh Evidence on Defence of America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The landing of troops in an attempted trans-ocean invasion of the United States was "absolutely impossible," declared Colonel Charles Lindbergh, testifying to-day on the Lease and Lend Bill before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.
The Colonel agreed, however, that trans-Atlantic bombing raids could do "considerable damage."
Colonel Lindbergh said that he did not believe that there was any danger of the United States being invaded by sea or air so long as she maintained an army, navy and air force of reasonable size in modern condition, and provided that she established bases essential for defence.
Besides bases in Newfoundland and West Indies, Hawaii and Alaska, Colonel Lindbergh recommended the establishment of others in Canada, parts of South and Central America and in the Galapagos Islands, while secondary bases might be established in Greenland.
He said that the United States would be wise to construct as rapidly as possible a total air force of about 10,000 thoroughly modern fighting planes plus reserves though the desirable size of the air force largely depended on conditions elsewhere in the world.
Opponents of the Lease and Lend Bill had asked Colonel Lindbergh to testify but he did not mention the Bill in his opening statement.
What Would Win War
Colonel Lindbergh expressed the view that even the combination of the United States and Britain could not win the war "on the present basis."
He did not believe that anything short of war by the United States and Britain would win the war, unless there was a collapse behind the lines.
He believed that the American peoples stand in favour of aiding Britain was a "mistake."

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1.03 Three Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).

Candle Light (Caden-Lee Shippey); Love's Secret (Blake-Bantock); O Gathering Clouds (arr. Bain).

1.13 The London Palladium Orchestra.

Echoes from the Puzia (Ferraris); Kiss Me Again (Victor Herbert); Childhood Memories (arr. Somers); Master Melodies—Medley.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Jay Wilbur and His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Brahms.

Variations On A Theme By Haydn (arr. Antoni Cherubini, Op. 56A).

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Antole Kiltain (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 5... Wolf (Violin) with Piano acc.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Dance Music by Joe Loss and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 "The Gay Nineties".

Songs by Frank Luther with Zora Layman and the Century Quartet.

8.22 Robinson Crusoe at the Organ.

8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland".

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People".

9.45 Request Classical Programme.

Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna—Overture (Suppe); State Opera Orchestra; Charming Hour—The Dream (from "Mignon"—Massenet); Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Rustle of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 (Sinding); Scherzo Impromptu, Op. 73, No. 2 (Grieg); "Ellen Joyce (Piano); One Fine Day (from "Madam Butterfly"—Puccini); "Rosetta Pampaloni (Soprano) with Orchestra; Valse de Concert, Op. 47 (Glazounov); San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; Passing by (Herrick and Purcell); The Gentle Maiden (arr. Somers); Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra; Fair Rosemary (Kreisl); Rondino (On a Theme by Beethoven)—Kreisl; Fritz Kreisl (Violin) with Piano acc.; Grant O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart); Tiana Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra; Divertimento, Op. 17 in D Major (Mozart); "Sir Hamilton Harty cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra; Dove Song: Vanish'd Are Ye (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart); "Tiana Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

CENTENARY SUPPLEMENT

As announced recently, a special Centenary Supplement will be distributed free with every copy of the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph to-morrow. Printed on art paper, and containing eight full-size pages, the supplement gives a historical survey of the growth of the Colony of Hongkong, and has several old pictures and photographs.

MONSTER WAR FUND RAFFLE

Donors of Prizes are requested to hold them until won, when the Hongkong War Effort Committee will issue orders for collection to the winners.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday and Tuesday, the 27th and 28th January, 1941. (China New Year Holidays).

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1941, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1941.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: The market was quietly steady.

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Cements \$18/10.25

Ropes \$8.25

Watsons \$11.15

Lane Crawford's \$7.50

As in previous years, the restrictions on water supply will be relaxed in connection with the Chinese New Year. From to-morrow until Monday, an all-day water service will be provided, after which the daily supply will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. as at present.

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It is hereby notified that a constant supply of water will be given in all districts from 6.00 a.m. on January 25 to 10 p.m. on January 27 in connection with the Chinese New Year Festival.

A. B. PURVES,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1941.

BRITISH FORCES

Four Million Men For Defence

London, Jan. 22. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, announced that the Army and Home Guard now have 4,000,000 armed and uniformed men available for the defence of Britain. Enough factories have been established to supply the Army with everything it requires for a continuous action against the Germans in Europe. The Army and Air Force will have to reduce their demands on skilled labour during the coming months, so that labour can be diverted to new factories, ship yards and farms.

The Government fixed the size of the Army in November 1939, but subsequently decided to add equipment for ten additional divisions, but "I am not going to say how many divisions it amounts to. It is a very large and formidable force, both with regard to establishment and amphibious power and for the defence of this island." Mr. Churchill, who was speaking at the conclusion of the debate on the manpower problem, said that in the 16th month of the war Britain had 200,000 more workers in munitions and aircraft production than in the 46th month of the World War. —United Press.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,550,081.50 was received yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations: "For Use of Piano" \$10; "Bimbo" E. R. (Canadian \$5 cents) 1.05; "Clumsy Cricketers" (and others) 100.67; Mr. E. V. Hopkinson 5; "Over the Rainbow" 25; "Hotel Bar" 25; A. D. C. and W. T. S. 24.67; E. W. L. and W. D. G. (Will) 10; Mr. Leong Leen (in memory of the late Mr. D. G. Will) 35; V. R. 35; Mrs. J. C. Binnendyk (monthly donation) 25; Miss Taylor, Shipyard Box 11.73; "Proceeds of sale of model Spitfire" 100.

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The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Air Raid Victims: Officers' Army Medical Corps; Army Dental Corps and Indian Medical Service; China General Post Office; Food Kitchen Appeal Fund; Salvation Army Food Kitchens; Society of St Vincent de Paul.

DONATIONS WAITING

Donations for the following Organizations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post: Slickland; Christmas Fund; Hongkong Benevolent Society; Street Sweepers' Welfare Society; Emergency Refugee Council; B.W.O.F.; Food Kitchen Appeal Fund; Salvation Army Food Kitchens; Society of St Vincent de Paul.

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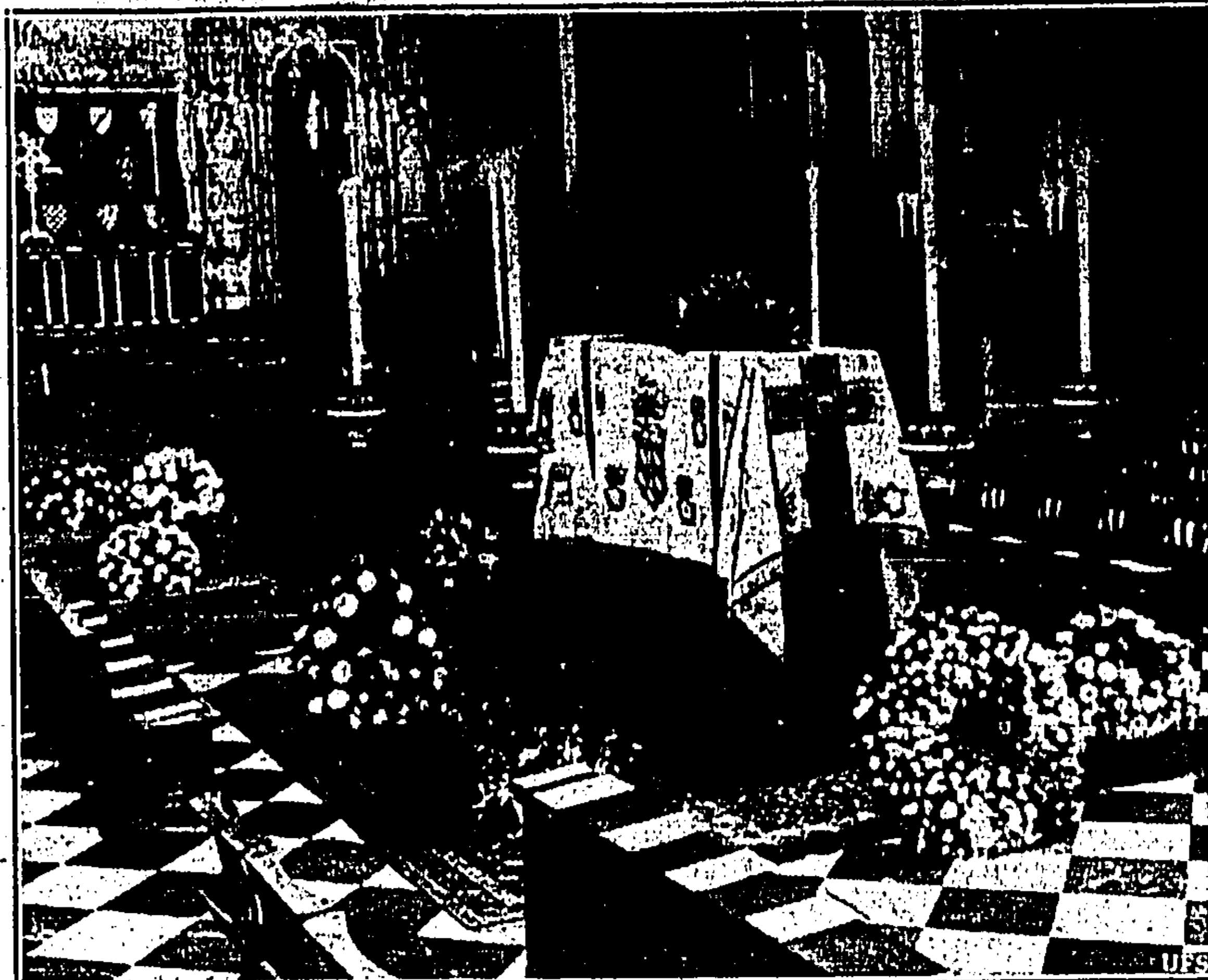
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W. J. Keswick Shot By Japanese Official

A Japanese national fired three shots and wounded the Shanghai Municipal Council's Chairman, Mr. W. J. Keswick, a Briton and head of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., during the Municipal ratepayers' meeting yesterday at the Race Course stand, immediately after the meeting in Shanghai had voted down the Japanese amendments to the new tax surcharges. Japanese voters opposed the British and American resolution to increase the taxes by 40 per cent.

The alleged assailant was Y. Hayashi, President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association, who proposed the Japanese amendments.

Shanghai, Jan. 23. Mr. W. J. Keswick, British Chairman of the Municipal Council, and Jardine's Taipei, was shot and slightly injured by a Japanese in full view of about 3,000 ratepayers to-day after an extraordinary meeting in the racecourse stand had defeated a Japanese amendment regarding rates.

Mr. Keswick received two slight flesh wounds, one on the left side of the breast and the other in the right fore-arm. He received treatment at the Country Hospital but his condition is not serious.

The Japanese who fired the shots was Y. Hayashi, President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association, who moved the amendment.

Mr. O. Okamoto, Japanese member of the Council, and Mr. I. Ikeda, Japanese Secretary of the Council, were also wounded, but not seriously, and other foreigners received slight wounds in the disorders that followed the shots.

Mr. Okamoto received an injury to the left hand, Mr. Ikeda was slightly wounded in the right arm and Mr. J. W. Carney, American Council member and Manager of the Standard Vacuum Company, was slightly hurt. The Japanese began to throw stones and chairs on the platform where the Councilors were seated.

The dramatic events occurred almost immediately after Hayashi's amendment against higher taxation and favouring the acceptance of a loan from a Japanese bank was defeated on a show of hands. When the Chairman, M. Paul Scheel, Danish Consul-General and Doyen of the Consular Corps, announced the result the Japanese ratepayers immediately raised an uproar, left their seats and began to push towards the platform.

Mr. Okamoto quickly stood up and appealed through the microphone for order from his compatriots but he had spoken no more than a few words when Hayashi whipped out a pistol and fired two shots pointblank.

Police Draw Revolvers

Pandemonium broke loose as the Japanese stormed the platform in a solid body. Foreign police rushed to the platform with drawn revolvers and after some minutes of indescribable confusion and rioting the Japanese surged outside the hall followed by the police, who eventually pacified them.

As soon as order was restored Mr. Scheel announced that the meeting was adjourned.

When he introduced his amendment Hayashi made a long speech and concluded by saying that if the amendment were defeated those responsible would have to face the consequences.

Dr. W. S. Parsons, who is attending Mr. Keswick, said his condition was satisfactory. He was resting comfortably and an operation would be unnecessary. —Reuter.

United Press declares there were about 5,000 people at the meeting, including about 2,000 Japanese. Mr. Lockhart, American Consul-General, and Mr. Munro-Hall, Consul, were among those present.

Mr. Keswick would have escaped at least one of his injuries if he had been wearing his usual bullet proof waistcoat. Mr. Ikeda was wounded when he attempted to restrain Hayashi.

Mr. H. Araki, Commissioner of Police, was instrumental in averting the riot for he addressed the Japanese voters as they were surging towards the platform, throwing boards and chairs.

MALTESE PREPARE

Population Is Called To Arms

London, Jan. 23.

All Malta was called to arms to-day under a decree issued by General Dobbie, according to the London morning papers. The Governor announced that the German and Italian air attacks and threats of invasion had created a situation demanding the services of the whole community.

Units similar to pioneer corps which can be formed to construct any defence works required, and men of suitable ages will be enrolled in the local defence forces. The fact that there has been no big raid since Sunday is regarded as an indication that the Luftwaffe has reserved a severe handling by the R.A.F., amplified by raids on Sicilian bases.

It is hoped that the fall of Tobruk, with the use of Italian bases, will provide useful support for Malta. The full has enabled the Maltese to adjust themselves to the new conditions.

During Sunday's first attack the Germans displayed bravado by arm waving as if saluting the island's fortress, and it is believed that they carried Italian pilots for passengers to "show how it is done" but after losing 19 machines, later attacks were made more circumspect. —Reuter.

Tobacco For Troops

Appeal By Over-Seas League

The Over-Seas League have made an appeal through the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong, for collections on behalf of their Tobacco Fund for the Fighting Forces.

Persons desiring to subscribe to this fund might kindly send in their donations to the Hon. Treasurer, British War Organisation Fund, c/o The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, specifically marked "Tobacco Fund." Such monies will be forwarded to the League in due course.

Consul For Hongkong

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

Mr. Shiroshichi Kimura, Third Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Nanking, has been appointed Consul at Hongkong.—Domci.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR JANUARY 27th, 28th & 29th, 1941

WE BEG TO ADVISE OUR PATRONS THAT THE BUSINESS HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS OF OUR RETAIL DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS:—

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On Tuesday, the 28th January, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th January.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on 28th January from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

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Calcutta and Straits Jan. 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 10th January) Jan. 28.
United Kingdom and Straits Jan. 28.
Air Mail by "Pan American" Always Direct Service—San Francisco date, 22nd January Jan. 30.
Sandakan Jan. 31.
Calcutta and Straits Jan. 31.
Java and Manila Feb. 5.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January) Feb. 8.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are despatched 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. Where mails are advertised to close after 1 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 24

Straits and Rangoon 12.30 p.m.
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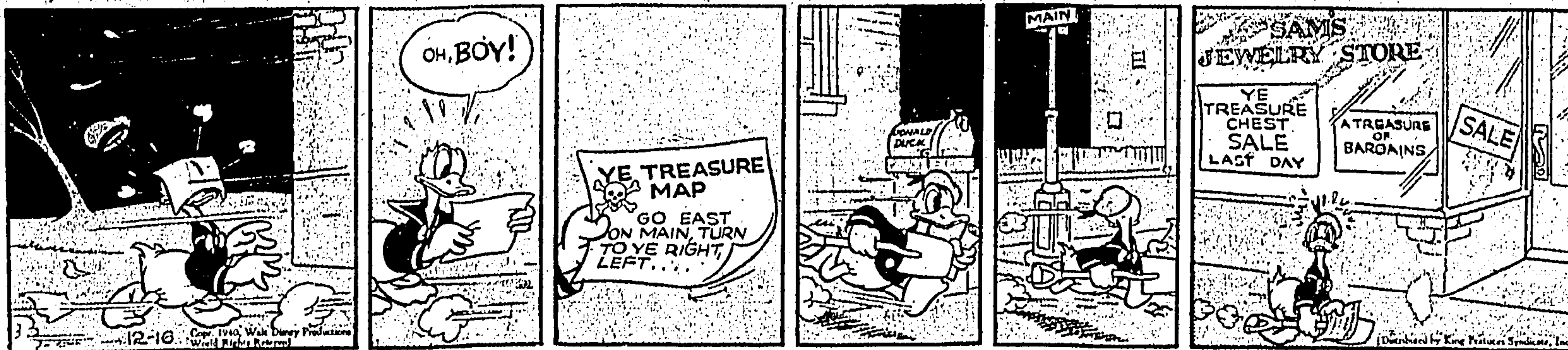
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This is part of a letter home in which Sergeant John Hannah, an R.A.F. wireless operator, tells how he won the V.C.

Hannah, who is only 18, is the youngest recipient of the V.C. since the war began.

Single-handed, he extinguished a fire when the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Antwerp on September 15, after the rear-gunner and navigator had baled out.

The pilot, who brought the machine safely home, has already been awarded the D.F.C.

"I am really lucky to be alive," says Sergeant Hannah's letter.

"The plane was a blazing mass, and a terrific target for the Ack. Ack."

Quick Thinking

"I did some quick thinking and started throwing out the flaming mass."

"During this time ammunition on the 'kite' was going off 10 a penny and the heat was terrific."

"Finally I got the fire out and we limped home and landed at our base."

"I hear that A.A. chiefs and R.A.F. officers have been having the 'kite' photographed from all angles, and I have had so many visits from the big boys that I am beginning to feel quite a big shot myself."

"I have been congratulated on conduct. It seems to have been the first time a fire has been put out in the air."



SERGEANT J. HANNAH

The official account of Sergeant Hannah's work says he forced his way through the flames to get two extinguishers, with which he fought the fire for 10 minutes.

When these were empty he continued to beat out the flames with his log book.

Meanwhile thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding inside the aircraft.

Heat from the fire was so intense that all the aluminium sheet metal on the floor of the cockpit was melted away, leaving only the cross beams.

Birth of The SPITFIRE

Britain's "Spitfire" fighter was really born 15 years ago! It began its amazing career in 1925 as Supermarine S4 monoplane, designed and built to take part in the Schneider Trophy race off Baltimore, U.S.A., and piloted by H. C. Baird. The plane, after setting up a record of 226 m.p.h., crashed in a test flight before the contest.

Two years later the Air Ministry took up the Schneider Trophy challenge through the Royal Air Force. In the contest off Venice Flight-Lieutenant Webster won the Trophy for Britain in Supermarine S5 with a speed of 281.65 m.p.h.

Flying Officer Wagborn, R.A.F., won the Trophy again in 1929 in an improved Supermarine S6 at a speed of 328.63 m.p.h. During the same year I watched Squadron Leader Orlebar, now Director-General of Training at the Air Ministry, create a world record of 357.7 m.p.h. with the same machine.

Came 1931—the last of the Schneider contests when Britain won the Trophy outright, with three successive wins.

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The day of the great race arrived, September 12. But what a day! Visibility was reduced to about a mile with blinding rain and mist, and the wind howled half a gale. A more unfriendly day for high speed racing could not be imagined. The rules provided for unfavourable weather, and the international racing officials abandoned the race till next day.

Sunday, September 13—unlucky number to the superstitious, but the luckiest day in British aviation—dawned a magnificent day, sun-flooded and with a visibility of over 15 miles. Huge crowds of spectators lined the shores of South Hampshire and the northern coast of the Isle of Wight.

In the testing area off Calshot Castle in Southampton Water a small silver seaplane waited near the starting line, rising and falling unsteadily on the short, choppy waves. One o'clock came. A gun boomed! A dull roar followed immediately, and a great splash of spray told that Flight Lieutenant Boothman, R.A.F., England's first choice of pilot, had taken the air in Supermarine S-6B.

His mighty engine, sensitive to the touch of his fingers, roared as the seaplane took off, circling at about 150ft, then landing gracefully, skimming the shimmering blue water like a great gull. It was a magic moment. The crowds within sight gasped as they watched the seaplane again rise suddenly when Lieutenant Boothman opened his engine full throttle and flashed the starting-line into

the speed course of seven rounds totalling 217 miles.

What appeared to be a silver bird dancing in the sunlight was the seaplane banking round the first pylon off Bembridge. Across the open sea it dashed to West Witter-

by

Arthur Lamsley

ing, off Chichester Harbour, rose higher, swooped down round the next pylon and on along the 14 miles' leg of the course fringing Southsea and Portsmouth towards the pylon in the Solent.

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Lieutenant Boothman flew superbly. His machine was steady as it hurtled through the air at 343 miles an hour! He shattered the world's lap record in this first round.

Round after round he flashed by the spectators, flying so low that his figure could be seen crouching in the cockpit. The crowd could never have realised a fraction of the colossal strain on the pilot in this dash through the air, faster than any man had ever flown in a distance flight.

In exactly 38 minutes 22 seconds, at an average speed of 340 m.p.h. Flight Lieutenant Boothman won the Schneider Trophy for Great Britain, and presaged the "Spitfire" fighter. A few days later Flight Lieutenant George Stainforth in the same winning monoplane created the world's record of 407.5 m.p.h., in a series of dive tests from a height of 15,000ft, into a measured mile in Spithead.

The "Spitfire" had arrived! All the experience gained in these Schneider Trophy contests was embodied in the production of the single-seater fighter which was to become the wartime terror of the air. It was powered with Rolls-Royce engines designed by the late Sir Henry Royce, who at

the age of 11 sold newspapers on the streets of his home town.

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The "Spitfire" was evolved by the late Mr R. G. Mitchell, chief engineer and designer of the Supermarine Aviation Works, Southampton.

Only 30 years old when he designed the first Supermarine S4, he laboured unceasingly, with undaunted courage against failing health, for a dozen years during which he successfully redesigned his first creation and made it possible for a British machine to attain a world record with a speed of 407 m.p.h.

It was a great blow to British aviation when he died suddenly at the early age of 42, a few months before the delivery of the first fighter Squadron of Spitfires to the Air Ministry in July, 1938.

Designer Mitchell, although born at Stoke, made his home in Hampshire, and the "Spitfire" is a Hampshire machine, created, perfected and produced in the works on the northern shores of Southampton Water.

Over 1,000 years ago King Alfred founded and built the first British Navy on this same bit of Hampshire coast. Alfred's ships cleaned up the invading Danes in a West Solent battle in 897 A.D. and established the beginning of British sea power. "Spitfire" fighters, arriving 1,043 years after, are to-day shooting down invading German bombers in the skies over these same historic English waters.

Recently over Spithead and the Solent it might almost have been a repetition of the Schneider Trophy races when squadrons of "Spitfires" were hurtling through the air after German bombers, sinking one every minute with the fire from eight machine guns.

History repeats itself to those who invade Britain's shores.

Some New War Means Are Old To Magicians

MAGICIANS have more startling tricks than ever this season, but without a single exception they are based on known physical foundations that can be mastered by anyone with a proper training in legerdemain, according to Mrs. Harry Houdini, who has just returned to her home in Los Angeles from a round of conventions of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians.

"It is a mistake to teach children superstitions about supernatural phenomena," says the widow of the man who was world famous for his illusions, and who spent much of his lifetime exposing and debunking the so-called "supernatural."

"Master magicians with few exceptions are franker to-day than they've ever been in admitting that even their most 'mystifying' performances have natural explanations, and that all forms of alleged

psychic phenomena are without foundation," Mrs. Houdini says.

Magicians spent considerable time at the conventions discussing the extent to which nations at war are now using some of the most spectacular tricks of the trade.

Mrs. Houdini says it was her husband who taught the inventor of the rip-cord parachute how to fold huge pieces of silk into a small package, a trick first demonstrated on the stage of the Hippodrome Theatre in New York.

Prior to the World War, Houdini himself gave to the Navy Department a diving suit which he perfected for one of his acts.

For a number of years, magicians have startled their audiences with "devil fire," harmless looking bits of paper that suddenly burst into flames, a device reported to have been scattered in large quantities by war planes in Europe recently.

Camouflage is but a large scale adaptation of principles known and practiced by magicians for centuries, according to Mrs. Houdini, and even recent stories of new "invisible paint" applied to aeroplanes are "old stuff" to professional prestigitators.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Stained with blood
- 2—Former Central American native
- 3—Rogue vehicle
- 4—Melody
- 5—Girl's name
- 6—Whirl's opponent
- 7—Sodium chloride
- 8—Friend
- 9—Fold in garment
- 10—Jolly place
- 11—Trotted wheel
- 12—Arrest
- 13—Acted as female parent
- 14—Character in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"
- 15—Province in India
- 16—Scene of action
- 17—Present
- 18—Look over
- 19—Permit to live
- 20—Floor
- 21—Cardinal (abbr.)
- 22—In Ireland, god of Norse pantheon
- 23—Pat
- 24—Lowest naval commissioned officer
- 25—Filled with booty
- 26—High table-land
- 27—Entrance
- 28—More simply supported
- 29—Held under lease
- 30—Suspend
- 31—Food in general
- 32—Living mammal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1—Ancient Roman emperor
- 2—Girl's name
- 3—Religious ceremony
- 4—Lined article
- 5—Male voice
- 6—Lined article
- 7—Without friends
- 8—Ancient Scandinavian navigator
- 9—Unit of force
- 10—Girl's name
- 11—Are full to overflowing
- 12—Hate
- 13—Difficult shot in billiards
- 14—One of very ancient Italians
- 15—Absolute ruler
- 16—Draw water from
- 17—That which is within
- 18—Loop of rope
- 19—Tense
- 20—Made mistake
- 21—Exhibiting sound
- 22—Nerve tribe of Congo
- 23—County in Nebraska
- 24—Visible representation
- 25—Not as warm
- 26—Eagle's nest
- 27—Fretted (adverb)
- 28—Story
- 29—Ancient seaport
- 30—Spool
- 31—Cleaning agent
- 32—Girl's name
- 33—Small secluded valley
- 34—Years of life

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DEATHS

BROOK—At the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, Joshua Brook, at the age of 56 years, the Cortège will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 5 p.m. to-day passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MAY—At the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January, Annie May, widow of the late George Thomas May, in her 68th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

BIRTH

WHITE—At the War Memorial Nursing Home, on the 24th inst., to Margaret, wife of G. A. White, a son, Timothy Peter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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BRITAIN'S TRADE

Although Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, recently stated that it had been found necessary to sacrifice Britain's foreign trade to some extent, there is evidence to show that no effort is being spared to keep up the flow of exports abroad, especially to the United States whose dollars are needed to help pay for the equipment that keeps the British war effort moving. The convoys that carry aeroplanes, steel, guns and shells to British ports do not return to the American Continent in ballast. On the contrary, they still continue to make their westward passage well laden with merchandise for the United States market and similar efforts are being made to keep the trade with South America flowing smoothly.

Reports from New York and other American cities show that though Britain's trade may not be "as usual" it is nevertheless continuing. Christmas shoppers found that British textiles, toys, sweaters, gloves, shoes, etc. were plentiful amid an almost total lack of goods from other European countries. Furthermore, a circular, dealing with the woollen trade, stated that British tweeds for men and women are available and will continue to be so. The British woollen industry is now under Government control but evidently the raw material is being fairly distributed, otherwise the circular

A New Alexander

by

Charles Foley

A NEW Alexander has astonished the world and brought new laurels to Greece.

Italy's humiliation in the Greek mountains is due above all to Lieut.-General Alexander Papagos, who was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Greek forces on the outbreak of war.

In spite of his family name there is nothing of the patriarch about this sinewy, handsome soldier.

He received his advanced training in the Ecole de Guerre, the French Staff College, which overlooks the "Field of Mars" in Paris. Here Foch lectured when the century was young.

A cavalry captain in the Balkan wars, Papagos was promoted in 1914 to command a brigade. His age was twenty-eight.

The Greek warrior king Constantine made him his right-hand man. They rode victoriously against the Turks in 1921, deep into Anatolia. Papagos called for a halt; the king cried "Forward!" Greece suffered a devastating defeat.

When Constantine was exiled Papagos kept his royalist faith burning high. In 1935 he went to London to ask, in the name of the Greek Army, that Constantine's son, George II, of the Hellenes, should return to the throne of his fathers.

Like King George, Papagos has always been an admirer of British institutions, and he has his own ideas about the Italians.

In 1936 he vowed that Greece would do her duty against Italy if the Abyssinian campaign led to general war.

You must not see in him a reckless, challenging adventurer. He learned in Paris to regard war as a science; he applied this knowledge to the defensive needs of Greece, re-organising the army, pushing on the defensive works they call the Metaxas Line.

When Italy began her treacherous attack Papagos was ready. "We will write new and glorious pages in our history," he cried. "We will fight on to the last breath."

The glorious pages have been written to the confusion of Rome's would-be Caesar and to the admiration of the world, which knew that Greece was small and poor in war material, but did not realise she was so rich and great in spirit.

would not have appeared in New York assuring buyers of quick delivery of all orders.

The necessity of maintaining overseas trade is very thoroughly recognised by the manufacturers in Britain and though Hongkong or other parts of the Empire may seem short in certain accustomed commodities, especially in non-essential goods, the United States and other countries able to carry on more or less normal trading facilities, will not be allowed to suffer any lack. The same determination that sends Londoners to their daily occupation no matter what havoc the air raid of the night before has wrought is dominating the unceasing effort to keep up the flow of goods to the vital markets of the world.



THERE'S ONLY ONE TOPIC...

REPRISALS?

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, M.P.

answers the question of the moment with an emphatic—

NO!

"Mr. Churchill came himself to our street. And when he saw what they'd done to our homes, big tears rolled down his cheeks, and he said: 'They'll get the same; they'll get the same.' But next day we read that our boys had been over Berlin, and they hadn't dropped a bomb. You don't know what to think, you don't really."

She was a mother from the East End, taking her little girl to safety by a Scotch express. She wanted the mothers and children of Berlin to be bombed, as she was bombed. Because they had not been bombed, she proceeded to express what in Japan are known as "dangerous" thoughts—thoughts so dangerous that they moved a Canadian sergeant in the other corner to a protest in which sturdy courage mingled with plain reproach.

"I Can't Forget . . ."

No-one who saw that little girl could fail to understand the mother's feelings. No-one who has followed Hitler's criminal campaign, both against his opponents in Germany and his neighbours abroad, can fail to see that sadistic terrorism against the defenceless and the weak is his favourite weapon.

He has proved it often to be a weapon of deadly power. Can we, ask those in favour of reprisals, now admit that he alone shall use it?

Must we be restrained by moral scruples, by the old rules of international law, from adopting methods which he has used on us; methods by which, as many people think, we could quickly win the war?

"We Can, But . . ."

We all remember the fearful shock given to world opinion by his use of this illegal arm. Yet within two years the Allies were beating the German Army in the use of poison gas.

And, in reprisals, we could use that

weapon then, can we not now use the weapon of random, indiscriminate bombing by which Hitler hopes to beat us down?

Of course, we can. And, if we did, no-one could say that we had been guilty of a legal wrong.

Hitler has smashed every last remnant of the Laws of War; our hands are free to take whatever measures are required to bring his monstrous aggressions to an end.

But if we did resort to random bombing, I believe we should commit the gravest blunder of all this blundering war.

I believe we should do more to prolong the war, perhaps to imperil victory, than if we lost another great campaign.

The People's Part

We all know that, if we win, it will be when the war has become, like the Napoleonic struggle, a war of European Revolution against conquest and tyranny.

In that revolution the German people must play their part.

At present, the whips and the machine-guns of the S.S. men keep them hopeless. But we know that even in 1933, after he had been six weeks in office, Hitler could not win a majority at the polls.

We know that there are millions, tens of millions, of Germans who hate the cruelties of Hitler's prisons and the crimes of Hitler's wars.

The day will come when our Fifth Column in Germany may comprise not only all the German workers, but the majority of the German nation as a whole.

Nothing could so certainly retard that day as the random bombing of the women and children of Berlin.

Anti-Nazis

The German Army has won great victories. They were won, in part, by the vast numerical superiority of their bombers and their tanks.

They were won still more by undreamt-of treachery, and by an incredible disregard of human life, whether of friend or foe.

But there is widespread witness that, when they are vigorously opposed, the morals of the German soldiers is not as good as the morals of the Kaiser's Army a quarter of a century ago.

Many of them are anti-Nazi; among many of the rest there is no conviction that their cause is just, that they are fighting for the safety of their country, their families and their homes.

Nothing could so stiffen their morale as the random bombing of German towns.

Both at home and in the Army, it would be the highest trump that

Giebbels has been able to play for many a day.

And random bombing is a form of war in which we should give Hitler every possible advantage.

Working from Franco, with their short "turn-round," and with their advantage in numbers, his aircraft can drop a far heavier weight of bombs in Britain than we can send to Germany in reply.

At night, his pilots cannot find their military targets; our pilots can and do. By random bombing we should sacrifice that immense technical advantage.

We know that, up to date, we have done incomparably greater military damage in Germany than he has done to us.

We know that in London he has wasted—yes, wasted—a vast proportion of his bombs.

Why should we imitate his example and do the same?

That argument is greatly strengthened by the fact that Hitler may soon be running short of oil.

Every expert is agreed that he has already begun to feel the pinch. It is his greatest weakness, and it is a mortal weakness.

The Best Targets

Without oil, not a single German aircraft can fly, not a submarine can put to sea, not a tank or a gun can take the field.

Transport difficulties make it impossible for Hitler to bring more than a small proportion of his requirements from Rumania. The other countries he has occupied produce no oil; we have stopped their normal overseas supplies; they are an actual drain on his oil resources.

Already, Hugh Dalton tells us, we have bombed 80 per cent. of his oil refineries and 90 per cent. of his plants for making oil from coal.

If we multiply the bombs, these refineries and plants can be utterly destroyed.

Already we have set fire to many of his oil reserves; and we know that oil tanks, once well alight, may burn for weeks. They are the easiest of all targets to find and hit.

With such targets at our mercy it would be utter madness to bomb women and children inside their cities.

Goering must be on his knees every night and morning praying to Thor and Odin to strike us with this madness.

An Abomination

Finally, whatever we ourselves may suffer, the bombing of women and children remains an abomination, which, if we were guilty of it, all future generations of our people would deplore.

Our pilots have done deeds that have been the wonder of the world. They have been inspired, at least in part, by the cold anger which they felt at the atrocities committed by the Nazi airman in Holland, in Belgium and in France.

If we told them now to commit these same atrocities in Germany, I believe they would think it not only a waste, but a veritable prostitution, of their courage, their training and their skill.

I should not like to be the man who gave the order. And I hope, and I believe, that no such order will be given, either now or in the months to come.

THE DANCING CENTENARIAN

Suffolk's oldest evacuee, Mr. William Minter, of Ipswich, step-danced round a cake with 100 candles at Leicester in celebration of his 100th birthday.

The dancing centenarian writes verses and entertains his friends with selections from music-hall favourites. He has four great-grandsons in the Forces.

"ALL CLEAR"

By F. G. H. Salusbury

THERE'S a red dawn rising whence the raiders fled,
And brick dust thick upon a shattered bed;
There's a new world waking that the bombs have made,
And one more morning for the Chars' Brigade.

For the skies may thunder and the guns may roar,
But brass bands cleaning up the office door;
There are floors want washing in a thousand rooms,
And someone's got to use the pails and brooms.

Through the long streets, haunted still by wild-eyed cats,
Come staunch old bouncers greeting staunch old bats;
With a "What luck, dear?" and a "Can't complain,"
The Ma's of London take the field again.

Though the Hun may threaten until all bells freeze,
It's only work will find Ma on her knees;
And it goes like clockwork, after raid on raid,
Does the "All Clear" given by the Chars' Brigade.

Nomura's Plans For Pacifying Tokyo-Washington Relations

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The departure of Ambassador Nomura for America is coincident with revelations by "United Press" of a three-point programme by which efforts will be made to improve Japanese-American relations after his arrival in Washington.

Well-informed Japanese sources told "United Press" firstly, Japanese diplomacy centres on the tripartite pact; secondly, Japanese diplomacy would insist on United States recognition of Japan as the stabilising factor in the Far East; and thirdly, Japan is willing to make vigorous efforts consistent with the two foregoing principles to improve relations with the United States.

N.E.I. Snubs Matsuoka Claims Want No Part In New Order

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Netherlands East Indies press objected to Mr Matsuoka's reference to the Indies as "the same as Thailand and Indo-China."

As H. Van Mook "Strong man of the N.E.I." heading the Dutch delegates soon to spar with the Japanese trade mission said in a statement: "There is no change in the stand of the Volksraad which is claiming that the Netherlands East Indies are no part of the Asiatic bloc. It is of vital importance for the Netherlands East Indies to maintain complete sovereignty." Van Mook refused to discuss the present political aspect, saying that his Department was solely economic. He said that 90 per cent of Netherlands East Indies export trade and income was with non-East Asiatic countries.

The press comments that "Mr Matsuoka's South Sea lyrics" are totally unnecessary to revise the situation in "such a drastic manner as is possibly indicated." The "Java Bode" in an editorial said that the inclusion of the Netherlands East Indies in the category of "The New Order of Asia" would give Japan the right to interfere in her foreign and interior policies.

Relation With Japan

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The firm stand of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was re-affirmed today by Van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting in an interview with "Reuter" on Mr Yosuke Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, Jonkheer Van Mook said that he failed to understand what Mr Matsuoka meant by a "situation which has hitherto thwarted the relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relation with Japan has been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," Jonkheer Van Mook declared. Discussing Mr Matsuoka's statement that "if only for geographical reasons," the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, he said that the economic situation of the N.E.I. made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale, adding that despite the war 90 per cent of the East Indies' export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries. That proved, he said, that mere geographical situation was not the deciding economic factor.

General Wu Teh-chen

RANGOON, Jan. 22.—General Wu Teh-chen left for Bassein south-west of Rangoon to-day but is expected to return on January 24.

He was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane. On the following day, he addressed the Rangoon Rotary Club.

Departure From Tokyo

To see Admiral Nomura off at Tokyo station, Mr Joseph Grew, American Ambassador, and other Embassy officials, attired in morning coats and silk hats were on hand. Mr Grew accompanied Admiral Nomura to the ship, the Kamakura Maru, which is scheduled to sail from Yokohama.

Foreign Minister Y. Matsuoka, Army Chiefs including General Sugiyama, and Admirals Zengo Yoshida, Osami and Nagano were among the several hundreds of high Government officials and civilian leaders who said goodbye to Admiral Nomura at the Tokyo Station platform, which was guarded by a special squad ofgendarmes.

Admiral Nomura is accompanied by his adviser, Kaname Wakanugi, who was a former Consul General at New York, his personal physician, Doctor Kitano Sakai, and his secretary Katsuzo Okumura.

Refrigerator And Cooker

Among Prizes For The Bomber Fund Raffle
Over two hundred valuable prizes have now been donated for the Bomber Raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the War Fund, the total value being approximately \$25,000. The following are the latest gifts:

One Moffatt Electric Refrigerator, 6.5 cubic feet, value \$900; One Moffatt Electric Cooker, 7.6 kilowatts, value \$410, both British Empire products, donated by Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co.; One Magazine Cine-Kodak, f.1.9.8. Lens, value \$540, donated by the Eastman Kodak Company; One beach canoe; one silver rose bowl and one silver card case, donated by Major and Mrs. Wilcox; Two credit notes, value \$100 each; one credit note value \$50, on the Sincere Co. Ltd., donated by China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd. The tickets, which are being specially designed and printed free of charge, will not be available for some time, but enquiries should be addressed to "Bomber Raffle, Hongkong War Effort Committee, Office, Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong. Telephone 27323.

ENGLISH JUDGE

RESIGNS

Mr Justice Greaves-Lord has resigned his office of judge of the High Court of Justice, owing to ill-health. Mr Justice Greaves-Lord, who is 62, became a judge of the High Court in 1935. He had been Recorder of Manchester for 13 years before his elevation to the Bench, and was Conservative M.P. for Norwood.

BERLIN BY MISTAKE

Warning shots from batteries in the centre of the city were fired when a German training machine of the Dornier 23 type flew into the banned area over Berlin recently. The plane thereupon immediately flew off and it was explained that it had lost its bearings and had entered the Berlin area by mistake.

U. S.-Soviet Relations

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The lifting of the United States "moral embargo" on the export of aeroplanes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press as no newspapers published here to-day.

Official circles are reticent on the subject, but opinion here is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American Consulate-General at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Japanese Industrialists Win Economic Issue

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The "Asahi" said that besides the abandonment of the election revision law plan, the Cabinet decided to shelve the bill for the establishment of "A new economic structure" under which the Government would take over the management of industries, a bill which had been strongly opposed by industrialists.

However, the Cabinet was planning to achieve virtually the same purpose by revising the national mobilisation law under which the business licensing system would be instituted.

Upper House Support

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Upper House members have decided to submit to the Plenary Session on Saturday a resolution similar to the lower House's, supporting the Cabinet in strengthening defences in order to cope with the present grave situation both at home and abroad. It reflects virtually an unconditional support of the Government programme.

Indo-China Increases Import Duties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day received a cablegram from Saigon revealing that a new schedule of import duties, applicable to all countries, became effective in French Indo-China on January 1. The duties are wholly ad valorem, ranging from five per cent to 130 per cent, on the minimum tariff, with a general rate of three times the minimum. The list of products heretofore exempted from import duty remains substantially unchanged. Minimum rates will continue to be applied to most imports from the United States.

Thyssen Handed Over To Hitler

London, Jan. 23. The financier, Fritz Thyssen, former banker of Hitler, has been handed to the Gestapo by the French Police, according to the Daily Express. With his wife he was taken from the Cannes Hotel on December 12 by automobile to the frontier of Nazi France, where a German Police car took over the prisoners.—Reuter.



INSPECTS COMMAND—Princess Mary, Britain's Princess Royal, inspects guard of honour of Royal Signal Corps, at unnamed camp in England. She was accompanied by Sir Gordon Finlayson.

DANISH COUNCIL FORMED

A Danish Council has just been formed in London. It will represent all Danes and persons of Danish birth in Great Britain in their effort to work for British victory and the liberation of Denmark; help to solve problems arising from the suspension of relations with Denmark, and co-operate with existing organisations, both in this country and abroad.

The inauguration took place at the Danish Club, recently, at which were present several important members of the Danish colony in London. It was presided over by Mr T. K. Kjelberg, who has a son an officer in the British Army and a daughter in the A.T.S. He is a member of the L.D.V.

United Voice

Mr Kjelberg said that through the Council all Danes in this country would be able to speak and act with one united voice.

Office premises have been taken which would be a bureau for Danes who were anxious to serve the cause of liberty. It will link up with the great Danish populations in America and the British Empire.

Five Red Army Chiefs Get 31 Diamonds Each

Marshals Timoshenko, Voroshilov, Budenny, Kulik and Shaposhnikov, of the Red Army, have been awarded the gold Marshal's Star. This star, which is studded with thirty-one diamonds, rivals in splendour any decoration of the old Czarist armies. It is worn around the neck.

SIX KILLED IN RESCUE BID

The pilot and four passengers of an aeroplane were killed when the pilot tried to catch a parachutist whose parachute had failed to open at Marianna, Arkansas. The parachutist was also killed. The plane dived to get under the parachutist, but collided with him and crashed.

CHINESE PAINTING

An exhibition of her Chinese paintings will be given at the Peacock Room, Exchange Building, on February 8, by Miss Wu Yung-hsiang, noted Chinese artist and daughter of Mr Althen K. Wu, former well-known diplomat.

BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—The new German Minister to Rumania, Herr von Killinger, is now enroute to Bucharest.

Amah Soffocated By Gag And Teeth

Sentences Of Death

Sentence of death was passed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on Lui Shek, 22, Tam Wang-kit, 34, and Chan Fel, 35, who were found guilty of the murder of a woman, Tsui Kuen, at 60, Argyle Street, on November 24. Tsui, who was employed there as an amah, died of suffocation as a result of her false teeth being dislodged by a gag placed in her mouth by robbers.

Chan said he was with Lui and Tam. They were hungry and desperate and were trying to find a means of living. Lui proposed they go and rob a house but it was difficult without arms. Chan then suggested they try the flat in Argyle Street, where on Sundays there was only an amah in the flat, as the rest of the inmates usually attended church. Lui and Tam agreed.

"I went to Argyle Street and stood opposite the flat. Soon afterwards the other two arrived. They went to the school. I stayed in the street some distance away waiting for them. When they came down and I asked if they had money Tam replied that Lui had what little there was. There was no talk of the amah having been bound. We never had any discussion that violence should be used."

Mr Macnamara said it was most unfortunate that the woman had false teeth. In a case of this kind if the jury found accused guilty it was always possible to add a recommendation for mercy. The jury retired for 65 minutes before returning their findings. They added a strong recommendation for mercy in the case of each accused.

Prior to passing sentence of death, the Chief Justice said:—"The law provides only one punishment for the crime of which you have been found guilty. The jury has strongly recommended each of you to mercy and in the circumstances I shall be able to add my endorsement to that recommendation."

The jury were granted exemption from service for a year.

Brazil Restricts Immigration

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 22. It is learned that the chaotic conditions in the world, as a result of the European war, have obliged the Brazilian Government to adopt temporary restrictive measures on her immigration which will also apply to tourists visiting Brazil. Visas cannot be given for any nationals except North and South Americans and Portuguese.—United Press.

Next Year's Plane Plans

Washington, Jan. 23. Mr Knudsen, head of President Roosevelt's Supreme Defence Directorate, stated at a Press conference to-day that he hoped that 33,000 military planes would be turned out by July, 1942. Of these 14,000 had been earmarked for Britain.—Reuter.

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ITALIAN TORPEDO

A torpedo used in the recent attempt by Italian officers to hit ships in harbour at Gibraltar is described as self-manned, with a steering wheel.

This description was applied by people who, while travelling to Gibraltar from La Linea, the Spanish frontier town, saw the unexploded torpedo on the beach at La Linea.

The Spanish military authorities, including the Governor of Algeciras, inspected the area, which was promptly cordoned off. No one was allowed to approach until the afternoon, when the torpedo was removed.

Drury Lane Bomb Missed Treasures

Goering's bombers hit the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in recent raids. But they failed to do what Grimaldi, Nell Gwyn, Peg Woffington, Garrick and Dan Leno always did; they failed to bring the house down.

A heavy bomb fell about midnight, and went through the roof, the gallery, the upper circle and the grand circle and exploded at the back of the pit.

The damage is luckily confined to the auditorium. All the treasures of the theatre are untouched—the Royal Box, from which George II. announced the victory of Culloden Moor, the Green Room, the mirror used by Garrick, the room in which Sheridan wrote "The School for Scandal."

Since the War ENSA has had its headquarters at the Lane. It didn't miss one hour's work for the bombing, the stage being protected by its iron curtain, which the blast from the back of the pit buckled "like a leaf."



CHILE RESENTS COMMUNISTS—More than 50,000 persons jammed into Parque Casino, in Santiago, Chile, in a mass demonstration against Communists. Disorders were prevented by military guards, but demonstrators carried many signs, as above, protesting Communist influence.

Duce's Shore Defence Train

To Italy's naval strength (or imaginary strength) add an unspecified number of trains especially equipped for fighting off attacks from the sea.

Active use of these trains was disclosed during the four-day war with France.

Two locomotives, it is disclosed by Associated Press from Rome, were kept with steam up constantly, ready to haul the train at high speed at the first sign of a bombardment from the sea.

At the signal, all civilian traffic was sidetracked to allow the fighting train to rush through to the danger point. The particular train described carried one car of munitions, right behind the engine, several cars of long-range guns and their equipment, and one car on which were mounted anti-aircraft artillery and special machine guns for fighting off enemy planes.

Raid-Blinded Given Home

Blind V.C.'s Generosity

A V.C.—Sir Becheroff Towse, who was blinded in the Boer War—has lent his beautiful Thames-side home to the National Institute for the Blind as a training centre for civilians who have lost their sight in air raids.

Sir Becheroff, who is chairman of the Institute, hoped that as a result of a recent appeal owners of country houses would offer their homes for this purpose but not one has responded. He hopes his own gesture will be an example.

Part of the cost of the training scheme will be met by a gift of £10,000 from Lord Nuffield.

Pharaoh's Forgotten Wife

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Totallatinn Pharaoh Unas, who ruled Egypt in the 19th century before Christ, had a very completely forgotten wife, it is now revealed by archaeologists who have unearthed and entered the tomb of a Queen Nebet among royal burials in Sakkara.

The very name of Queen Nebet is unfamiliar to modern Egyptologists, but Zaki Y. Saad, leader of the explorations, has found convincing evidence in the tomb to conclude that she was undoubtedly the royal wife of Unas.

The empty tomb, pronounced richly sculptured, is adorned with a great array of inscriptions, adding to knowledge of Egypt's fifth dynasty. A portrait of the queen delicately holding a lotus flower stands over a doorway.

Absolute Monarchs
Pharaohs in the fourth to sixth dynasties are known to have ruled Egypt as absolute monarchs by divine right, and to have held all high offices in the government in dictatorial fashion, including direction of the armies, legal affairs, and the highly important religious functions of the state. Pharaoh owned all land in Egypt, and was the only earthly inhabitant who looked forward to a heavenly life with the gods.

When the tomb of Pharaoh Unas was first entered in modern times by archaeologists in 1891, the royal burial had been robbed, and a few scattered bones are the only remains of this one-time powerful king.

Americans Not Getting Proper Food

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Dr M. L. Wilson, Extension director of the agricultural department, estimates that 45,000,000 Americans are not getting proper food.

"It is impossible to measure the exact nutritional status of all these people, but we do know that diets such as they are consuming cannot promote optimum nutrition over long periods," he told the Southeastern Regional Restaurant convention.

Wilson said the poor nutrition was due to bad food habits and to lack of knowledge of the relation of proper food to health.

He urged restaurants to provide well-planned club meals or "blue plate" specials of nutritive foods instead of specialising on sandwiches.

Miss Harriet Elliott, Defence Commission consumers' counsel, told the convention that improving the nutritional level of the country is a first defence requirement.

Nazis Fear Paris News-Sheets

THE spread of clandestine news-sheets in Paris and elsewhere in the occupied region of France has led Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's agent there, to take counter-measures in two directions.

Through the Paris Chief of Police, M. Langeron, he has forbidden the sale of stencils, gelatine pads or other apparatus which can be used for making copies of typewritten documents.

All duplicating apparatus must be declared to the police and a register kept of all persons buying such articles.

Furthermore, M. Jacques Doriot, the ex-Communist who quarrelled with Moscow and now displays strong Fascist sentiments, has been given a new organ in which to express them in the German interest.

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mechanized units forging ahead and cutting off one vital strong post after another. From the very beginning, these units hardly stopped moving. A famous tank regiment which I visited, chased one Italian division right into Bardia. In the course of this task, they were subjected to formidable Italian air attacks. On one day alone they had 19 bomber and 15 fighting attacks, but latterly such attacks have been entirely absent owing to the fact that the R.A.F. has smashed up the Italian aerodromes.

I was privileged to accompany a daylight patrol. Climbing up from a deep basin, we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of air squadrons and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences. But a young officer told me that many figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps have also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.

How Italy Took It

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Italian press makes valiant efforts to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stress the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and

Pétain's Stalling Annoys The Nazis

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victim of intrigues which have now been exposed. It is time that steps were taken against the persons in the Vichy entourage responsible for "criminal" agitation against the "saviour" of France.

There is at present no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

Laval Discredited

It is, however, obvious that Laval is now so discredited in French eyes that if he is forced upon the Vichy Government, it will be regarded as humiliating and will not make Laval or the Germans more popular.

The whole episode strengthens the belief that a much more resolute spirit is prevailing at Vichy and is finding sustenance in the knowledge of British Mediterranean successes. Admiral Leahy's interview with Pétain can have left no doubt as to the reality and magnitude of American aid for democracy.

declare that Italy is as resolved as ever to fight on until final victory is achieved.

In descriptions of the battle, great emphasis is laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders, "who fought against greatly superior forces upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."

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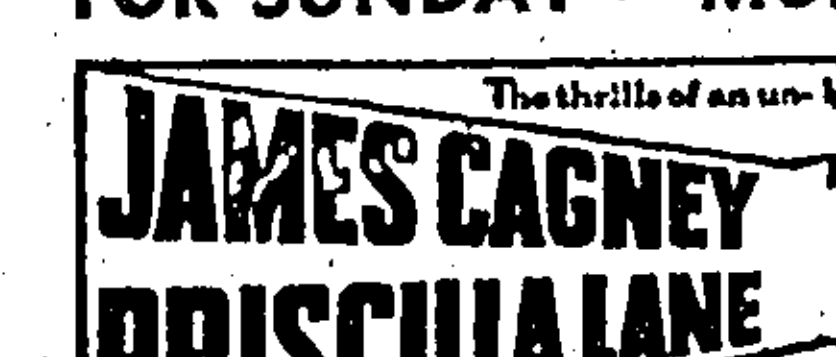
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town and broke the steel, concrete, and sand-bagged barrier and then drove in. They were met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire to which they promptly replied.

Then the entire garrison surrendered.

I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry—men caked with the dust from the Libyan desert and burnt with the sun, and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Unnerved Garrison

As I entered the gateway with the victorious Imperial troops, thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out. All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solero Aliente forts had been silenced after stiff fighting, and the stronghold of Pilastrino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Pilastrino, the Australians came unsuspectingly on 14 Italian tanks in a dried-up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery, the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

Infantryman Takes Tank

One Australian captured a tank and its crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

When Pilastrino was occupied by the British, it was shelled from Solero Aliente forts until they were also taken.

In the open desert between Solero Aliente, the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Derro Mura of the 61st Metropolitan Division. Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defences had been cut off. After that they only resisted spasmodically and quickly surrendered.

Water Shortage Risks

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—In a broadcast war commentary, Major General R. J. Colling said that General Wavell's original attack might have had to be one of the tip-and-run type—a mere raid, though on a large scale.

"Without water, no one could have carried on. In fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done. "Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance, there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away. Water had been and may be again, the crux, of the whole show."

Press Acclaims Wavell

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—That the end of the Fascist Regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes "the whole province of Cyrenaica is imperilled and our sea and air power much enhanced by our grip on Tobruk. As for the rest of the Fascist empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia."

Describing Graziani as "this most unpugnacious of soldiers," the paper says "the futility of his strategy was doubtless not all his own—but was partly imposed on him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the fatuous vanity of Mussolini. He has been hopelessly out-matched by the British Commander. The history of war records names of few generals of equal success in that most difficult of military arts—extracting the greatest possible advantage out of victory."

Saying that the presence of the Australians at Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist thuggerly to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution," the "Daily Express" asks "how much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence or hope for Hitler to save them?"

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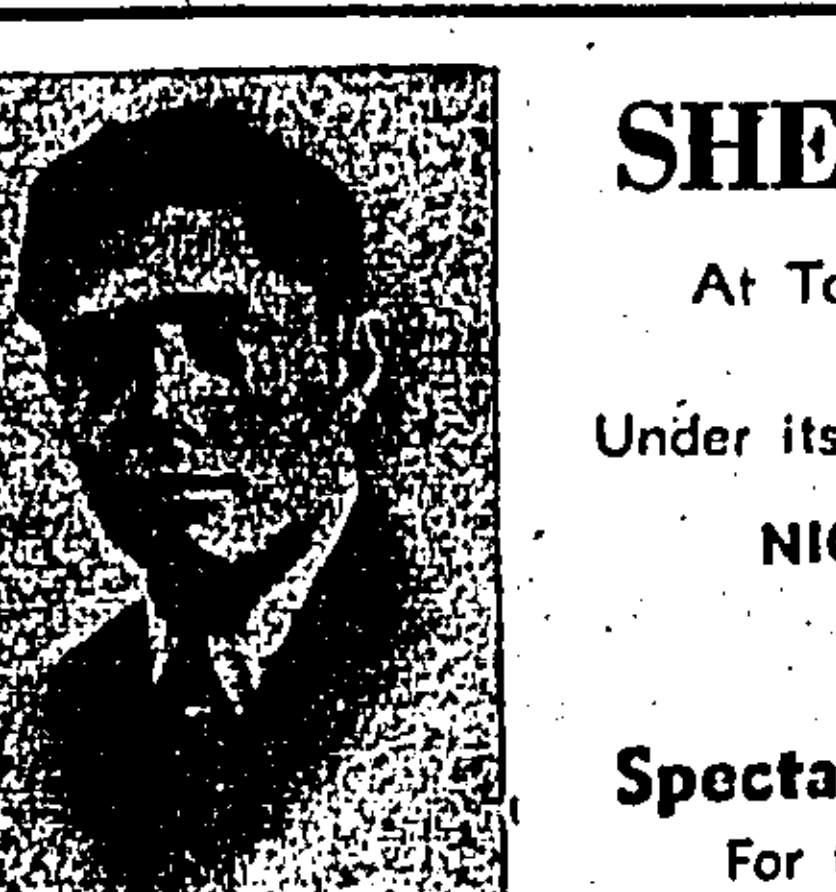


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GEN. ANTONESCU DECLARES HIMSELF MILITARY DICTATOR

Claims Four-Day Rebellion Has Been Completely Crushed

BUDAPEST, JAN. 23 (UP).—GENERAL ION ANTONESCU, THE PREMIER OF RUMANIA, HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF FULL MILITARY DICTATOR.
 IT IS REPORTED THAT ANTONESCU HAS REGAINED "COMPLETE MASTERY" OF THE NATION AND HAS CRUSHED THE FOUR-DAY REBELLION STAGED BY THE RADICAL IRON GUARDS.

DERNA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

New Facts About Tobruk's Fall

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. dropped several tons of bombs on the barracks and other military targets at Derna on the night January 20-21, causing large fires which were visible 80 miles.
 Other R.A.F. attacks were made in Albania, Rhodes and East Africa.

CATHOLIC FUNDS IN AMERICA

Unfrozen Balances

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to the delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources.
 It is understood that when the Administration was considering freezing foreign funds, Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.
 It is felt that this situation can be overcome.
 There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her entire financial position, but the frankness with which Britain has complied has undoubtedly helped her cause.

Mission In Turkey

Gen. Marshall-Cornwall

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

INSTANBUL, Jan. 23 (Dome).—It is revealed that Lieut-General J. H. Marshall-Cornwall of the British Middle East Command and other members of the British Military Mission have been conferring with Turkish authorities at Ankara during the past week.
 While Turkey's attitude towards the entry of German troops into Bulgaria is believed to offer an important factor in the prospective Balkan situation, informed quarters point out that Turkey's attitude still remains negative and unchanged.

U. S. Delegate Talks With Yugo-Slav Government

VICHY, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy, who arrived in Belgrade last night, was received to-day by the Yugo-Slav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram.
 Colonel Donovan told reporters that he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and that he hoped to visit Prince Paul (the Regent), the Vice-Premier, the War Minister and other military leaders.
 He declined to say whether he had a personal message for the Regent from President Roosevelt. He said that his mission had nothing in common with that of Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, who visited Europe last spring as the President's special envoy.
 Colonel Donovan will later visit Athens, Turkey, Palestine and Egypt, arriving in Egypt about the middle of February.
 Asked regarding reports that important diplomatic documents had been stolen from him on the train between Sofia and Belgrade, he replied that only his passport was missing.

14,000 PRISONERS AT TOBRUK

Occupation Complete

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique says: "The capture of Tobruk was completed last night. So far over 14,000 prisoners have been taken including a Corps Commander, a Division Commander, two other Generals and a number of Senior Army and Naval Staff officers."
 "About 200 guns of all calibres were captured, along with quantities of other military material."
 "Our casualties were under 500."
 "The enemy battle casualties are not fully ascertained but 2,000 wounded have already been evacuated."

Burma Route Bombed

Japanese Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE IN INDO-CHINA, Jan. 23 (Dome).—Units of the Japanese Naval Air Force this morning subjected Kunming, as well as the Kungkuo Bridge on the Yunnan-Burma road to intensive air bombardment, according to the Press Section of the Japanese South China Fleet.
 The units which attacked Kunming, scored direct hits on several places outside the city where a number of enemy trucks were parked, while the formation which bombed the Kungkuo Bridge, despite unfavourable weather, succeeded in destroying the old span, thereby completely cutting off traffic on the Burma route.
 It is recalled that the new Kungkuo Bridge was destroyed on December 24, last year, by Japanese naval aircraft. All Japanese planes which participated in to-day's raids, returned to their base safely.

East African Campaigns

Pressure Maintained

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Imperial troops are now in contact with the Italian forces which withdrew from the Kassala area and which are now holding defensive positions, declared a communique issued to-day.
 Operations continued to develop successfully.
 Pressure on the enemy east of Melema, Abyssinia, was being maintained.
 In the Kenya offensive, activities by Imperial patrols continue.
S. Africans' Success
NAIROBI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a mid-day raid on Yavel, low aerodrome in Abyssinia.
 Following a reconnaissance during which bombs straddled the main targets, two waves of aircraft went over. The first showed high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, directly hitting one Caproni which burst into flames.
 The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.
 One pilot dropped a salvo directly on a hangar while another pilot hit hutments and barracks.
 The raid was made by the same squadron which recently destroyed two Italian aircraft and crippled four more at the same aerodrome. This squadron alone has already carried out 63 operations against the Italians.

The Rumanian Legation stated to-day that the army was solidly backing General Antonescu, but it was admitted that fighting was still in progress in some centres.
 The Legation also declared that the Rumanian General Staff had issued a communique denying reports that some Generals had rebelled. It was claimed that not a single man had deserted. The communique alleged that the rebels were mostly Communists and young Legionnaires who were rapidly surrendering.
 It was affirmed that fierce fighting had occurred at Priala near the Russian frontier, and that about 60 were killed. The rebels are defending their positions from house to house, surrendering only when they are encircled.
 The Brasov Radio which is again under the control of General Antonescu this afternoon broadcast orders ordering everyone to surrender all their weapons and ammunition to the authorities and stating that the rebels all over the country had surrendered and that peace and order had been restored.

Antonescu Negotiating

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship in Rumania, according to the Yugo-Slav newspaper "Vereme."
 "Yugo-Slav" reports quoted by the Budapest radio stated that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation but it added that the Rumanian radio has warned the people against staying in the streets as "the disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting."
 Rumanian troops have already recaptured the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building, according to some reports, though it is stated that fighting still continues in Bucharest and in other large towns.
 Yugo-Slav cables, the Budapest announcer added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.

Order Restored

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Bucharest radio announced at 1.15 p.m. to-day says the Belgrade radio broadcaster, that order is restored everywhere in Rumania.
 The Bucharest announcer is said to have stated that the Army is taking orders only from General Antonescu.

Jervis Bay Unknown Heroes

"Gazette" Tribute

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—An unusual tribute to the unknown heroes, dead and living, of the Jervis Bay epic is made in a supplement to the "London Gazette" issued to-night.
 After announcing a series of awards, including two George Crosses and nine George Medals, the "Gazette" adds: "Among those who went down with the Jervis Bay, there must have been many, among the survivors and others, whose gallantry, were the whole truth to be known, deserves decoration. The above appointments and awards should be taken as an honour to the ship as also to those who earned them."
 The Jervis Bay, an armed merchant cruiser, was sunk while protecting a convoy of 38 ships in mid-Atlantic last November against an attack by a German raider. Her commander, Captain E. S. F. Fegen, who went down with the ship, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

India-H.K. Air Link

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Members of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation have left here for Calcutta in their own plane via Agra.
 Their proposals to link up India with a direct air route to Chungking and Hongkong are under examination by the Government of India.

Smashing Blows At Dusseldorf By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is disclosed that the Royal Air Force made a concentrated air attack on Dusseldorf last night and dropped hundreds of bombs on steel works, gas works, coal works, an oil storage plant, munition factory, the aerodrome and the railway.
 This attack on Dusseldorf is the twenty-first since the beginning of the war, and came a few hours after a daylight raid in which six Polish members of the R.A.F. machine-gunned German motorboats, grounded planes, troops, truck, convoys and anti-aircraft guns along the French coast invasion ports between the Straits of Dover and the Somme River.

Japan To Mediate In Thailand Dispute; Vichy Accepts Offer

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that the French Government has accepted the offer made by the Japanese Government to mediate in the frontier dispute between Thailand and Indo-China.
 The Government instructed the French Ambassador at Tokyo, M. Arsene Henry to arrange details for arbitration.

PETAIN'S STALLING ANNOYS THE NAZIS

"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The news from Vichy or rather from Paris, appears to indicate that the situation has not developed as the Germans had hoped and expected.
 Although Marshal Petain has been officially reconciled to Laval for a week, Laval has not yet been reinstated in the Cabinet and the German-controlled Paris press is getting impatient and very annoyed, asking why Petain hesitates.
 The Paris press goes further, arguing that as Laval was obviously the TURN to Back Page, Column 4

Lindbergh Evidence on Defence of America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The landing of troops in an attempted trans-ocean invasion of the United States was "absolutely impossible," declared Colonel Charles Lindbergh, testifying to-day on the Lease and Lend Bill before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.
 The Colonel agreed, however, that trans-Atlantic bombing raids could do "considerable damage."
 Colonel Lindbergh said that he did not believe that there was any danger of the United States being invaded by sea or air as long as she maintained an army, navy and air force of reasonable size in modern condition, and provided that she established bases essential for defence.
 Besides bases in Newfoundland and West Indies, Hawaii and Alaska, Colonel Lindbergh recommended the establishment of others in Canada, parts of South and Central America and in the Galapagos Islands, while secondary bases might be established in Greenland.
 He said that the United States would be wise to construct as rapidly as possible a total air force of about 10,000 thoroughly modern fighting planes plus reserves though the desirable size of the air force largely depended on conditions elsewhere in the world.
 Opponents of the Lease and Lend Bill had asked Colonel Lindbergh to testify that he did not mention the Bill in his opening statement.
What Would Win War
 Colonel Lindbergh expressed the view that even the combination of the United States and Britain could not win the war "on the present basis."
 He did not believe that anything short of war by the United States would win the war, unless there was a collapse behind the lines.
 He believed that the American peoples stand in favour of aiding Britain was a "mistake."

Queen Visits Raid Shelters

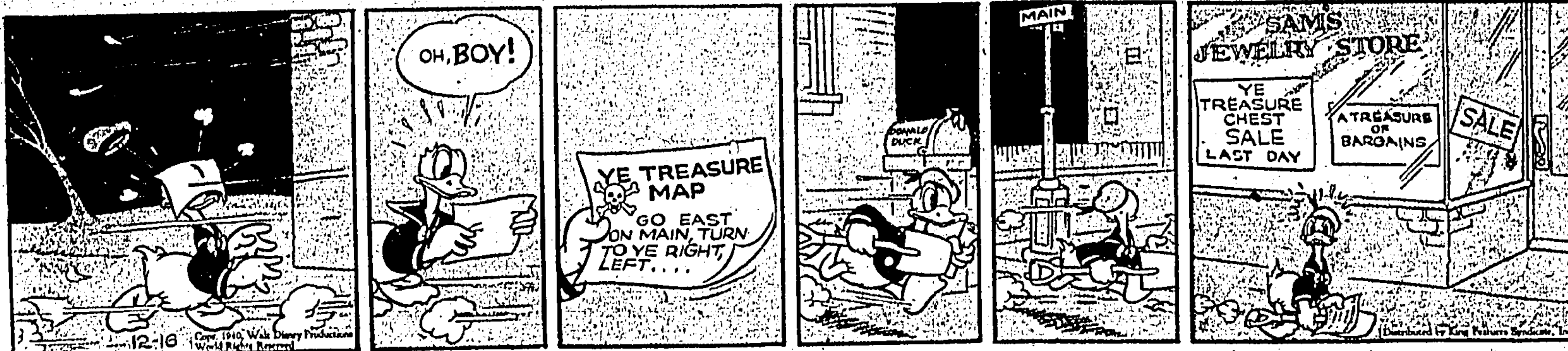
Their Majesties are constantly visiting their subjects in the bombed areas of London and other cities, cheering and consoling them with kindly words. Here we see Her Majesty chatting to little victims of Nazi aggression whilst having their dinner in an air raid shelter.



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SAVED BLAZING PLANE, GETS V.C.

"THE plane was on fire and by the time my whiskers were singed it looked as if it would blow up. We made for our parachutes, but when I got mine I found it was on fire too."

This is part of a letter home in which Sergeant John Hannah, an R.A.F. wireless operator, tells how he won the V.C.

Hannah, who is only 18, is the youngest recipient of the V.C. since the war began.

Single-handed, he extinguished a fire when the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Antwerp on September 15, after the rear-gunner and navigator had baled out.

The pilot, who brought the machine safely home, has already been awarded the D.F.C.

"I am really lucky to be alive," says Sergeant Hannah's letter.

"The plane was a blazing mass, and a terrific target for the Ack. Ack."

Quick Thinking

"I did some quick thinking and started throwing out the flaming machine."

"During this time ammunition on the 'kite' was going off 10 a penny and the heat was terrific."

"Finally I got the fire out and we limped home and landed at our base."

"I heard that A.A. chiefs and R.A.F. officers have been having the 'kite' photographed from all angles, and I have had so many visits from the big shots that I am beginning to feel quite a big shot myself."

"I have been congratulated on conduct. It seems to have been the first time a fire has been put out in the air."



SERGEANT J. HANNAH

The official account of Sergeant Hannah's work says he forced his way through the flames to get two extinguishers, with which he fought the fire for 10 minutes.

When these were empty he continued to beat out the flames with his log book.

Meanwhile thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding inside the aircraft.

Heat from the fire was so intense that all the aluminium sheet metal on the floor of the cockpit was melted away, leaving only the cross members.

Birth of The SPITFIRE

Britain's "Spitfire" fighter was really born 15 years ago! It began its amazing career in 1925 as Supermarine S4 monoplane, designed and built to take part in the Schneider Trophy race off Baltimore, U.S.A., and piloted by H. C. Baird. The plane, after setting up a record of 226 m.p.h., crashed in a test flight before the contest.

Two years later the Air Ministry took up the Schneider Trophy challenge through the Royal Air Force. In the contest off Venice Flight-Lieutenant Webster won the Trophy for Britain in Supermarine S5 with a speed of 281.65 m.p.h.

Flying Officer Wagborn, R.A.F., won the Trophy again in 1929 in an improved Supermarine S6 at a speed of 328.63 m.p.h. During the same year I watched Squadron Leader Orlebar, now Director-General of Training at the Air Ministry, create a world record of 357.7 m.p.h. with the same machine.

Came 1931—the last of the Schneider contests when Britain won the Trophy outright, with three successive wins.

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The day of the great race arrived, September 12. But what a day! Visibility was reduced to about a mile with blinding rain and mist, and the wind howled half a gale. A more unfriendly day for high speed racing could not be imagined. The rules provided for unfavourable weather, and the international racing officials abandoned the race till next day.

Sunday, September 13—unlucky number to the superstitious, but the luckiest day in British aviation—dawned a magnificent day, sun-flooded and with a visibility of over 15 miles. Huge crowds of spectators lined the shores of South Hampshire and the northern coast of the Isle of Wight.

In the testing area off Calshot Castle in Southampton Water a small silver seaplane waited near the starting line, rising and falling unsteadily on the short, choppy waves. One o'clock came. A gun boomed! A dull roar followed immediately, and a great splash of spray told that Flight Lieutenant Boothman, R.A.F., England's first choice of pilot, had taken the air in Supermarine S-6B.

His mighty engine, sensitive to the touch of his fingers, roared as the seaplane took off, circling at about 150ft, then landing gracefully, skimming the shimmering blue water like a great gull. It was a magic moment. The crowds within sight gasped as they watched the seaplane again rise suddenly when Lieutenant Boothman opened his engine full throttle and flashed the starting-line into

the speed course of seven rounds totalling 217 miles.

What appeared to be a silver bird dancing in the sunlight was the seaplane banking round the first pylon off Bembridge. Across the open sea it dashed to West Witter-

by

Arthur Lamsley

ing, off Chichester Harbour, rose higher, swooped down round the next pylon and on along the 14 miles' leg of the course fringing Southsea and Portsmouth towards the pylon in the Solent.

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Lieutenant Boothman flew superbly. His machine was steady as it hurtled through the air at 343 miles an hour! He shattered the world's lap record in this first round.

Round after round he flashed by the spectators, flying so low that his figure could be seen crouching in the cockpit. The crowd could never have realised a fraction of the colossal strain on the pilot in this dash through the air, faster than any man had ever flown in a distance flight.

In exactly 38 minutes 22 seconds, at an average speed of 340 m.p.h. Flight Lieutenant Boothman won the Schneider Trophy for Great Britain, and—presaged—the "Spitfire" fighter. A few days later Flight Lieutenant George Stainforth in the same winning monoplane created the world's record of 407.5 m.p.h., in a series of dive tests from a height of 15,000ft, into a measured mile in Spithead.

The "Spitfire" had arrived! All the experience gained in these Schneider Trophy contests was embodied in the production of the single-seater fighter which was to become the wartime terror of the air. It was powered with Rolls-Royce engines designed by the late Sir Henry Royce, who at

the age of 11 sold newspapers on the streets of his home town.

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The "Spitfire" was evolved by the late Mr R. G. Mitchell, chief engineer and designer of the Supermarine Aviation Works, Southampton.

Only 30 years old when he designed the first Supermarine S4, he laboured unceasingly, with undaunted courage against failing health, for a dozen years during which he successfully redesigned his first creation and made it possible for a British machine to attain a world record with a speed of 407 m.p.h.

It was a great blow to British aviation when he died suddenly at the early age of 42, a few months before the delivery of the first fighter Squadron of Spitfires to the Air Ministry in July, 1938.

Designer Mitchell, although born at Stoke, made his home in Hampshire, and the "Spitfire" is a Hampshire machine, created, perfected and produced in the works on the northern shores of Southampton Water.

Over 1,000 years ago King Alfred founded and built the first British Navy on this same bit of Hampshire coast. Alfred's ships cleaned up the invading Danes in a West Solent battle in 897 A.D. and established the beginning of British sea-power. "Spitfire" fighters, arriving 1,043 years after, are to-day shooting down invading German bombers in the skies over these same historic English waters.

Recently over Spithead and the Solent it might almost have been a repetition of the Schneider Trophy races when squadrons of "Spitfires" were hurtling through the air after German bombers, sinking one every minute with the fire from eight machine guns.

History repeats itself to those who invade Britain's shores.

Some New War Means Are Old To Magicians

MAGICIANS have more startling tricks than ever this season, but without a single exception they are based on known physical foundations that can be mastered by anyone with a proper training in legerdemain, according to Mrs. Harry Houdini, who has just returned to her home in Los Angeles from a round of conventions of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians.

"It is a mistake to teach children superstitions about supernatural phenomena," says the widow of the man who was world famous for his illusions, and who spent much of his lifetime exposing and debunking the so-called "supernatural."

"Master magicians with few exceptions are franker to-day than they've ever been in admitting that even their most mystifying performances have natural explanations, and that all forms of alleged

psychic phenomena are without foundation," Mrs. Houdini says.

Magicians spent considerable time at the conventions discussing the extent to which nations at war are now using some of the most spectacular tricks of the trade.

Mrs. Houdini says it was her husband who taught the inventor of the rip-cord parachute how to fold huge pieces of silk into a small package, a trick first demonstrated on the stage of the Hippodrome Theatre in New York.

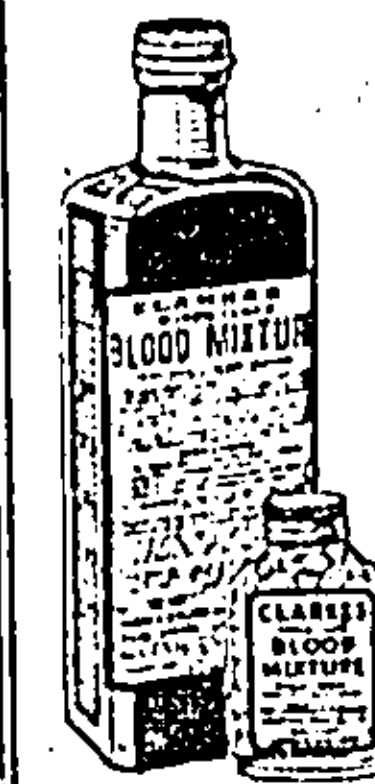
Prior to the World War, Houdini himself gave to the Navy Department a diving suit which he perfected for one of his acts.

For a number of years, magicians have startled their audiences with "devil fire," harmless looking bits of paper that suddenly burst into flames, a device reported to have been scattered in large quantities by war planes in Europe recently.

Camouflage is but a large scale adaptation of principles known and practiced by magicians for centuries, according to Mrs. Houdini, and even recent stories of new "invisible paint" applied to aeroplanes are "old stuff" to professional prestigitators.

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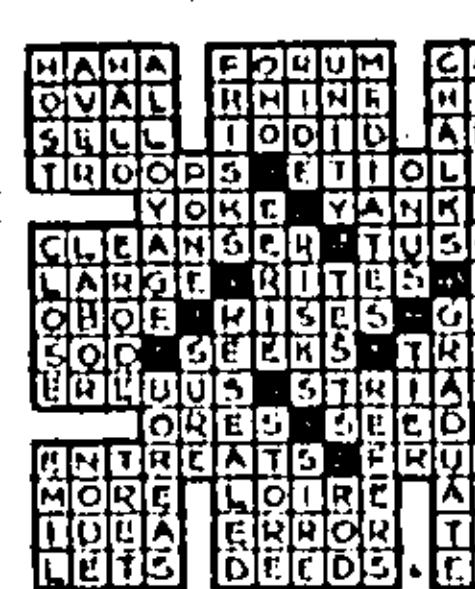
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Retained with blood
- 2—Former Central
- 3—American native
- 4—Snow vehicle
- 5—Cloudy
- 6—Girl's name
- 7—Whirl's opponent
- 8—Sodium chloride
- 9—Co in
- 10—Inland
- 11—Folds in garment
- 12—Lofty place
- 13—Toothed wheel
- 14—Arrest
- 15—Ad as female parent
- 16—Character in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"
- 17—Province in India
- 18—Scene of action
- 19—At present
- 20—Look over
- 21—Permit to live
- 22—Room
- 23—Mardi Gras (abbr.)
- 24—In Iceland, gods of Norse pantheon
- 25—Yat
- 26—Lowest naval commissioned officer
- 27—Piled with bones of plants
- 28—High table-land
- 29—Entrance
- 30—More firmly supported
- 31—Field under lease
- 32—Suspect
- 33—Food in general
- 34—Blind mammal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

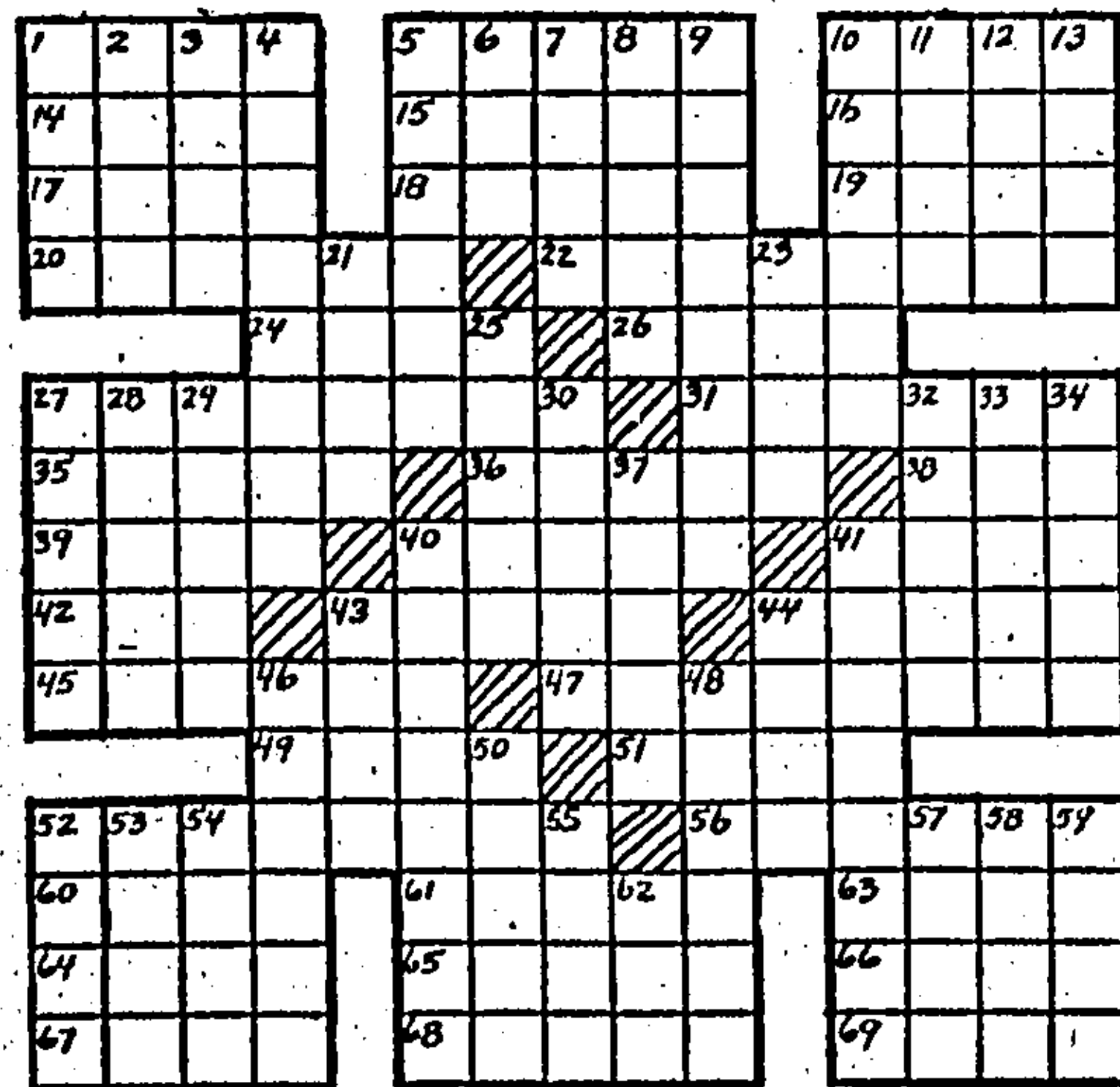


DOWN

- 1—Ulster brooklet
- 2—Verbal
- 3—Make angry
- 4—Turkish sword

ACROSS

- 5—Ancient Roman emperor
- 6—Girl's name
- 7—Religious ceremony
- 8—Listed articles
- 9—Male voice
- 10—Imbued thoroughly
- 11—Without friends
- 12—Ancient Egyptian
- 13—Naval navigator
- 14—Unit of force
- 15—Arc full to overflowing
- 16—Girl's name
- 17—Harvest
- 18—Difficult shot in billiards
- 19—One of very ancient religions
- 20—Absolute rulers
- 21—Draw water from
- 22—Kind mistake
- 23—Exhibiting sound
- 24—Negro tribe of Congo
- 25—Old
- 26—County in Nebraska
- 27—Visible representation
- 28—Not as warm
- 29—Eagle's first
- 30—Friend (familiar)
- 31—Story
- 32—Greek seaport
- 33—Jipoo
- 34—Cleansing agent
- 35—Girl's name
- 36—Small secluded valley
- 37—Years of life



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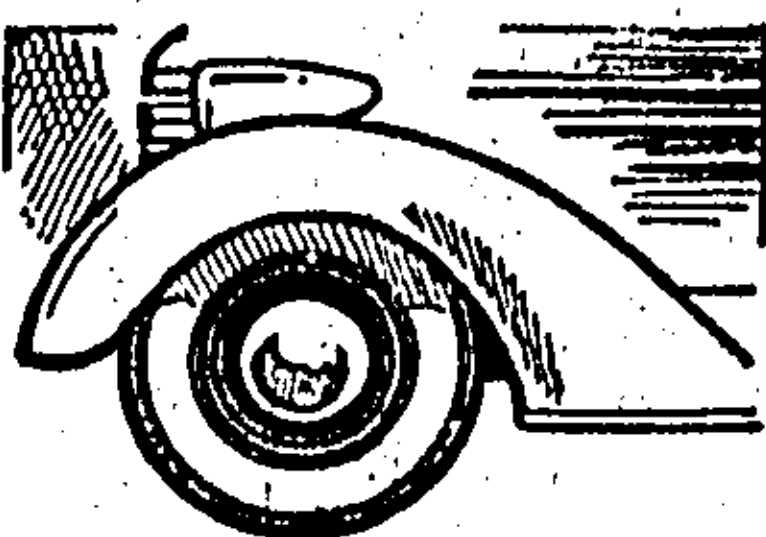
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DEATHS.

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tal yesterday, Joshua Brook, at
the age of 58 years, the Cottage
will leave Anderson's Funeral
Parlour at 5 p.m. to-day passing
the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MAY—At the Matilda Hospital,
Hongkong, at 7.15 p.m. on
Thursday, 23rd January, Annie
May, widow of the late George
Thomas May, in her 88th year.
Funeral will pass the Monument
at 5 p.m. to-day.

BIRTH

WHITE—At the War Memorial
Nursing Home, on the 24th inst.,
to Margaret, wife of G. A. White,
a son, Timothy Peter.

**The
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BRITAIN'S TRADE

Although Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, recently stated that it had been found necessary to sacrifice Britain's foreign trade to some extent, there is evidence to show that no effort is being spared to keep up the flow of exports abroad, especially to the United States whose dollars are needed to help pay for the equipment that keeps the British war effort moving. The convoys that carry aeroplanes, steel, guns and shells to British ports do not return to the American Continent in ballast. On the contrary, they still continue to make their westward passage well laden with merchandise for the United States market and similar efforts are being made to keep the trade with South America flowing smoothly.

Reports from New York and other American cities show that though Britain's trade may not be "as usual" it is nevertheless continuing. Christmas shoppers found that British textiles, toys, sweaters, gloves, shoes, etc. were plentiful amid an almost total lack of goods from other European countries. Furthermore, a circular, dealing with the woollen trade, stated that British tweeds for men and women are available and will continue to be so. The British woollen industry is now under Government control but evidently the raw material is being fairly distributed, otherwise the circular

A New Alexander

by

Charles Foley

A NEW Alexander has astonished the world and brought new laurels to Greece.

Italy's humiliation in the Greek mountains is due above all to Lieut.-General Alexander Papagos, who was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Greek forces on the outbreak of war.

In spite of his family name there is nothing of the patriarch about this sinewy, handsome soldier.

He received his advanced training in the Ecole de Guerre, the French Staff College, which overlooks the "Field of Mars" in Paris. Here Foch lectured when the century was young.

A cavalry captain in the Balkan wars, Papagos was promoted in 1914 to command a brigade. His age was twenty-eight.

The Greek warrior king Constantine made him his right-hand man. They rode victoriously against the Turks in 1921, deep into Anatolia. Papagos called for a halt; the king cried "Forward!" Greece suffered a devastating defeat.

When Constantine was exiled Papagos kept his royalist faith burning high. In 1935 he went to London to ask, in the name of the Greek Army, that Constantine's son, George II, of the Hellenes, should return to the throne of his fathers.

Like King George, Papagos has always been an admirer of British institutions, and he has his own ideas about the Italians.

In 1936 he vowed that Greece would do her duty against Italy if the Abyssinian campaign led to general war.

You must not see in him a reckless, challenging adventurer. He learned in Paris to regard war as a science; he applied this knowledge to the defensive needs of Greece, reorganising the army, pushing on the defensive works they call the Metaxas Line.

When Italy began her treacherous attack Papagos was ready. "We will write new and glorious pages in our history," he cried. "We will fight on to the last breath."

The glorious pages have been written—to the confusion of Rome's would-be Caesar and to the admiration of the world, which knew that Greece was small and poor in war material, but did not realise she was so rich and great in spirit.

would not have appeared in New York assuring buyers of quick delivery of all orders.

The necessity of maintaining overseas trade is very thoroughly recognised by the manufacturers in Britain and though Hongkong or other parts of the Empire may seem short in certain accustomed commodities, especially in non-essential goods, the United States and other countries able to carry on more or less normal trading facilities, will not be allowed to suffer any lack. The same determination that sends Londoners to their daily occupation no matter what havoc the air raid of the night before has wrought is dominating the unceasing effort to keep up the flow of goods to the vital markets of the world.



THERE'S ONLY ONE TOPIC...

REPRISALS? NO!

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, M.P.

answers the question of the moment with an emphatic—

"Mr. Churchill came himself to our street. And when he saw what they'd done to our homes, big tears oiled down his cheeks, and he said: 'They'll get the same; they'll get the same.' But next day we read that our boys had been over Berlin, and they hadn't dropped a bomb. You don't know what to think, you don't really."

SHE was a mother from the East End, taking her little girl to safety by a Scotch express. She wanted the mothers and children of Berlin to be bombed, as she was bombed. Because they had not been bombed, she proceeded to express what in Japan are known as "dangerous thoughts"—thoughts so dangerous that they moved a Canadian sergeant in the other corner to a protest in which sturdy encouragement was mingled with plain reproach.

"I Can't Forget . . ."

No-one who saw that little girl could fail to understand the mother's feelings. No-one who has followed Hitler's criminal campaigns, both against his opponents in Germany and his neighbours the victims of Hitler's wars, the Terrorists against the defenceless and the weak is his favourite weapon. He has proved it often to be a weapon of deadly power. Can we ask those in favour of reprisals, now admit that he alone shall use it?

Must we be restrained by moral scruples, by the old rules of international law, from adopting methods which he has used on us; methods by which, as many people think, we could quickly win the war?

Put like that, the question plainly provokes the answer: "No." But . . . I shall never forget a sunny day in April, 1915.

I was driving up the road from Poppleton to Ypres, when suddenly, around a bend, French Colonial troops came running in twos and threes. They had thrown away their arms, and they were flying, in uncontrollable panic, from the line.

They had been passed; they were the first victims of the Kaiser's violation of the "Laws of War."

"We Can, But . . ."

We all remember the fearful shock given to world opinion by his use of this illegal arm. Yet within two years the Allies were beating the German Army in the use of poison gas.

If, in reprisals, we could use that weapon then, can we not now use the weapon of random, indiscriminate bombing by which Hitler hopes to beat us down?

Of course, we can. And if we did, no-one could say that we had been guilty of a legal wrong.

Hitler has smashed every last remnant of the Laws of War; our hands are free to take whatever measures are required to bring his monstrous aggressions to an end.

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Goebbels has been able to play for many a day.

And random bombing is a form of war in which we should give Hitler every possible advantage.

Working from France, with their short "run-round" and with their advantage in numbers, his aircraft can drop a far heavier weight of bombs to Britain than we can send to Germany in reply.

At night, his pilots cannot find their military targets; our pilots can and do. By random bombing we should sacrifice that immense technical advantage.

We know that, up to date, we have done incomparably greater military damage in Germany than he has done to us.

We know that in London he has wasted—yes, wasted—a vast proportion of his bombs.

Why should we imitate his example and do the same?

That argument is greatly strengthened by the fact that Hitler may soon be running short of oil.

Every expert is agreed that he has already begun to feel the pinch. It is his greatest weakness, and it is a mortal weakness.

The Best Targets

Without oil, not a single German aircraft can fly, not a submarine can put to sea, not a tank or a gun can take the field.

Transport difficulties make it impossible for Hitler to bring more than a small proportion of his requirements from Rumania. The other countries he has occupied produce no oil; we have shipped their normal overseas supplies; they are an actual drain on his oil resources.

Already, Hugh Dalton tells us, we have bombed 80 per cent. of his oil refineries and 80 per cent. of his plants for making oil from coal.

If we multiply the bombs, these refineries and plants can be utterly destroyed.

Already we have set fire to many of his oil reserves; and we know that oil tanks, once well alight, may burn for weeks. They are the easiest of all targets to find and hit.

With such targets at our mercy it would be unwise madness to bomb women and children instead.

Goering must be on his knees every night and morning praying to Thor and Odin to strike us with this madness.

An Abomination

Finally, whatever we ourselves may suffer, the bombing of women and children remains an abomination, which, if we were guilty of it, all future generations of our people would deplore.

Our pilots have done deeds that have been the wonder of the world. They have been inspired, at least in part, by the cold anger which they felt at the atrocities committed by the Nazi army in Holland, in Belgium and in France.

If we told them now to commit these same atrocities in Germany, I believe they would be utter madmen, of their courage, their training and their skill. I should not like to be the man who gave the order. And I hope, and I believe, that no such order will be given, either now or in the months to come.

THE DANCING CENTENARIAN

Suffolk's oldest evanescer, Mr. William Minter, of Ipswich, danced round a cake with 100 candles at Leicester in celebration of his 100th birthday.

The dancing centenarian writes verse and entertains his friends with recitations from music-hall favourites. He has four great-grandsons in the Forces.

AUSSIES TAKE OVER

Hoist Anzac Hat At Tobruk

"REUTERS" AT TOBRUK

Jan. 23.—Having broken down the Italian resistance in 26 hours cheering Australians hauled down the Italian flag in the town centre to-day and hoisted instead an Anzac hat.

The total number of prisoners is estimated at 20,000 which number includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, the penitentiary garrison of the fort, 1,500 members of the naval garrison, and 700 of the crew of the sunken cruiser San Giorgio.

The Military Police and Customs officials reveal that a hundred civilian technicians and fishermen are also among the prisoners.

The garrison surrendered at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Australian cavalry units in Bren-gun carriers stormed the main road to the town and broke the steel, concrete, and sand-bagged barrier and then drove in. They were met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire to which they promptly replied.

Then the entire garrison surrendered. I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry—men caked with the dust from the Libyan desert and burnt with the sun—and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Unnerved Garrison

As I entered the gateway with the victorious Imperial troops, thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out. All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solara Alente forts had been silenced after stiff fighting, and the stronghold of Pilastino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Pilastino, the Australians came unexpectedly on 14 Italian tanks in a dried-up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery, the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

Infantryman Takes Tank
One Australian captured a tank and its crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

When Pilastino was occupied by the British, it was shelled from Solara Alente forts until they were also taken.

In the open desert between Solara Alente, the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Denis Murray of the 61st, Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defences had been cut off. After that they only resisted spasmodically and quickly surrendered.

Water Shortage Risks
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—In a broadcast war commentary, Major General R. J. Colling said that General Wavell's original attack might have had to be one of the tip-and-run type—a mere raid, though on a large scale.

"Without water, no one could have carried on. In fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done."

"Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance, there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away. Water has been and may be again, the crux of the whole show."

Press Acclaims Wavell
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—That the end of the Fascist Regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes "the whole province of Cyrenaica is im-

Nomura's Plans For Pacifying Tokyo-Washington Relations

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The departure of Ambassador Nomura for America is coincident with revelations by "United Press" of a three-point programme by which efforts will be made to improve Japanese-American relations after his arrival in Washington.

Well-informed Japanese sources told "United Press" firstly, Japanese diplomatic centres on the tripartite pact; secondly, Japanese diplomacy would insist on United States recognition of Japan as the stabilising factor in the Far East; and thirdly, Japan is willing to make vigorous efforts consistent with the two foregoing principles to improve relations with the United States.

U. S.-Soviet Relations

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (Reuters).

The lifting of the United States' "moral embargo" on the export of aeroplanes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press as no newspapers published here to-day.

Official circles are reticent on the subject, but opinion here is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American Consulate-General at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Refrigerator And Cooker

Among Prizes For The

Bomber Fund Raffle

Over two hundred valuable prizes have now been donated for the Bomber Raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the War Fund, the total value being approximately \$25,000. The following are the latest gifts:

One Moffatt Electric Refrigerator, 6.9 cubic feet, value \$900; One Moffatt Electric Cooker, 7.6 kilowatts; value \$410, both British Empire products, donated by Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co. Ltd.

One Magazine Cine-Kodak, 1.1.0.5 Lens, value \$540, donated by the Eastman Kodak Company.

One bench canoe; one silver rose bowl and one silver card case, donated by Major and Mrs Wilcox.

Two credit notes value \$100 each; one credit note value \$50, on the Sincere Co. Ltd., donated by China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd. The tickets, which are being specially designed and printed free of charge, will not be available for some time, but enquiries should be addressed to "Bomber Raffle, Hongkong War Effort Committee, Office, Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong. Telephone 27323.

perilled our sea and air power much enhanced by our grip on Tobruk. As for the rest of the Fascist empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia.

Describing Graziani as "this most unpugnacious of soldiers," the paper says "the futility of his strategy was pointed out to him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the fatuous vanity of Mussolini. He has been hopelessly out-matched by the British Commander. The history of equal success in that most difficult of military arts—extracting the greatest possible advantage out of victory."

Saying that the presence of the Australians at Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist huddle to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution," the "Daily Express" asks "how much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence or hope for Hitler to save them?"

Departure From Tokyo

To see Admiral Nomura off at Tokyo station, Mr Joseph Grew, American Ambassador, and other Embassy officials attired in morning coats and silk hats were on hand. Mr Grew accompanied Admiral Nomura to the ship, the Kamakura Maru, which is scheduled to sail from Yokohama.

Foreign Minister Y. Matsuoka, Army Chiefs including General Sugiyama and Admiral Zengo Yoshida, Ozami and Nagano were among the several hundreds of high Government officials and civilian leaders who said goodbye to Admiral Nomura at the Tokyo Station platform, which was guarded by a special squad of gendarmes.

Admiral Nomura is accompanied by his adviser, Kamekura Wakasugi, who was a former Consul General at New York, his personal physician, Doctor Kitaro Sakai, and his secretary Katsuzo Okumura.

Japanese Industrialists Win Economic Issue

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The "Asahi" said that besides the abandonment of the election revision law plan, the Cabinet decided to shelve the bill for the establishment of "A new economic structure" under which the Government would take over the management of industries, a bill which had been strongly opposed by industrialists.

However, the Cabinet was planning to achieve virtually the same purpose by revising the national mobilisation law under which the business licensing system would be instituted.

Upper House Support

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Upper House members have decided to submit to the Plenary Session on Saturday a resolution similar to the lower House's, supporting the Cabinet in strengthening defences in order to cope with the present grave situation both at home and abroad. It reflects virtually an unconditional support of the Government programme.

Indo-China Increases Import Duties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day received a cablegram from Saigon revealing that a new schedule of import duties, applicable to all countries, became effective in French Indo-China on January 1.

The duties are virtually ad valorem, ranging from five per cent. to 150 per cent. on the minimum tariff, with a general rate of three times the minimum. The list of products heretofore exempted from import duty remains substantially unchanged. Minimum rates will continue to be applied to most imports from the United States.

Sicilian Aerodromes Attacked By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of January 22-23.

A Middle East communiqué from R.A.F. Headquarters says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.

N.E.I. Snubs Matsuoka Claims

Want No Part In New Order

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Netherlands East Indies press objected to Mr Matsuoka's reference to the Indies as "the same as Thailand and Indo-China."

As H. Van Mook "Strong man of the N.E.I." heading the Dutch delegates soon to spar with the Japanese trade mission said in a statement, "There is no change in the stand of the Netherlands which is claiming that no part of the Asiatic bloc is of vital importance for the Netherlands East Indies to maintain complete sovereignty." Van Mook refused to discuss the present political aspect saying that his Department was solely economic. He said that 90 per cent. of Netherlands East Indies export trade and income was with non-East Asiatic countries.

The press comments that "Mr Matsuoka's South Sea lyrics" are "utterly unnecessary to revise the situation in 'such a drastic manner' as is possibly indicated." The "Java Bode" in an editorial said that the inclusion of the Netherlands East Indies in the category of "The New Order of Asia" would give Japan the right to interfere in her foreign and interior policies.

Relation With Japan

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The firm stand of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was re-affirmed to-day by Van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting in an interview with "Reuter" on Mr Yosuke Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, Jonkheer Van Mook said that he failed to understand what Mr Matsuoka meant by a "situation which has hitherto thwarted the relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relation with Japan has been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," Jonkheer Van Mook declared.

Discussing Mr Matsuoka's statement that "it only for geographical reasons," the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, he said that the economic structure of the N.E.I. made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale, adding that despite the war 90 per cent. of the East Indies export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries. That proved, he said, that mere geographical situation was not the deciding economic factor.

Norwegian Shipping Association Closed

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Gestapo men have been ordered to seize the funds of the Norwegian Shipping Association and to seal the offices.

On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Herr Terboven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association's President, Bjørn Hansen and the Managing Director, Klarnes, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.

PROPOSES WAR GIFT

As Substitute To Aid British Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senators Ed Johnson and Robert Taft to-day introduced a substitute for the Aid Britain and the Johnson Bills, authorising an outright gift of \$2,000,000,000 worth of war materials, provided Britain gives the United States complete information on performance, and agrees to make all her purchases in the United States.

Senator Taft said that the Bill would authorise the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend Britain \$1,000,000,000; Canada \$500,000,000 and Greece \$500,000,000.

Two Die In Plane Crash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ST LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 23 (UP).—Two were killed and 12 injured early to-day when a Transcontinental and Western Airways air liner crashed one mile southwest of Lambert Field, tearing down telephone wires.

The plane apparently dived as it approached the field for an instrument landing. The dead are Pilot Captain P. T. Scott and Mr J. Foot, a TWA employee.

Favours Aid To Britain

Gallup Poll Result

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—A sharp increase in American sentiment favouring aid for Britain is shown in the latest Gallup poll which follows President Roosevelt's recent "fireside chat" and message to Congress.

The question asked was: "Which of these two things do you think more important for the United States to try to do—keep out of the war ourselves, or help Britain win even at the risk of getting into the war?"

The replies showed that 68 per cent. favoured helping even at the risk of entering the war while 32 per cent. favoured staying out.

Taking Greetings To Chiang

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—President Roosevelt's Administrative Assistant, Mr Laughlin Currie, has been given leave of absence in order to visit Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for first hand information on the Chinese economic situation. The visit will be made at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

The White House said that Mr Currie will transmit the President's personal greeting to the Generalissimo.

Mr Currie will be accompanied by Mr Eric Despres, Senior Economist and head of the Research and Statistics Division of the Federal Reserve System. They will leave San Francisco by Clipper next Tuesday, and they expect to return about March 1.

U. S. Sailors Sentenced For Insult To Nazis

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).

Suspended sentences of 90 days have been delivered by Municipal Judge here on two seamen of the United States Navy who were charged with ripping down a Swastika flag from the German Consulate.

They will be handed over to the naval authorities who have promised that they will be "adequately dealt with."

The State Department has already expressed regret to Germany for the incident.

General Wu Teh-chen

RANGOON, Jan. 22.—General Wu Teh-chen left for Basra south-west of Rangoon to-day but is expected to return on January 24.

He was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane. On the following day, he addressed the Rangoon Rotary Club.

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ITALIAN TORPEDO

A torpedo used in the recent attempt by Italian officers to hit ships in harbour at Gibraltar is described as self-manoeuvring, with a seat and something which looked like a steering wheel.

This description was applied by people who, while travelling to Gibraltar from La Linea, the Spanish frontier town, saw the unexploded torpedo on the beach at La Linea.

The Spanish military authorities, including the Governor of Algeiras, inspected the area, which was promptly cordoned off. No one was allowed to approach until the afternoon, when the torpedo was removed.

Drury Lane Bomb Missed Treasures

Goering's bombers hit the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in recent raids. But they failed to do what Grimaldi, Nell Gwyn, Peg Woffington, Garrick and Dan Leno always did; they failed to bring the house down.

A heavy bomb fell about midnight and went through the roof, the gallery, the upper circle and the grand circle and exploded at the back of the pit.

The damage is luckily confined to the auditorium. All the treasures of the theatre are untouched—the Royal Box, from which George II. announced the victory of Culloden Moor, the Green Room, the mirror used by Garrick, the room in which Sheridan wrote "The School for Scandal."

Since the War ENSA has had its headquarters at the Lane. It didn't miss one hour's work for the bombing, the stage being protected by its iron curtain, which the blast from the back of the pit buckled "like a leaf."



CHILE RESENTS COMMUNISTS—More than 50,000 persons jammed into Parque Casino, in Santiago, Chile, in a mass demonstration against Communism. Disorders were prevented by military guards, but demonstrators carried many signs, as above, protesting Communist influence.

Duce's Shore Defence Train

To Italy's naval strength (or imaginary strength) add an unspecified number of trains especially equipped for fighting off attacks from the sea.

Active use of these trains was disclosed during the four-day war with France.

Two locomotives, it is disclosed by Associated Press from Rome, were kept with steam up constantly, ready to haul the train at high speed at the first sign of a bombardment from the sea.

At the signal, all civilian traffic was sidetracked to allow the fighting train to rush through to the danger point. The particular train described carried one car of munitions right behind the engine, several cars of long-range guns and their equipment, and one car on which were mounted anti-aircraft artillery and special machine guns for fighting off enemy planes.

Arriving at the designated spot, the two engines pulled away a short distance, leaving the gun carriages alone. Heavy braces were dropped to the ground to help absorb the firing shocks, and keep the tracks from being jolted out of alignment. While this was going on, sailors ran up a signalling mast and quickly strung a telephone line to wires along the right of way, setting up communication between the various units of the train.

Within a minute and a half of the train's arrival on the spot, all this had been done and the guns were ready in firing position, the correspondent reported. A small torpedo boat at sea signalled the proximity of the shots to the target.

Raid-Blinded Given Home

Blind V.C.'s Generosity

A V.C.—Sir Becheroff Towse, who was blinded in the Boer War—has lent his beautiful Thames-side home to the National Institute for the Blind as a training centre for civilians who have lost their sight in air raids.

Sir Becheroff, who is chairman of the Institute, hoped that as a result of a recent appeal owners of country houses would offer their homes for this purpose but not one has responded. He hopes his own gesture will be an example.

Part of the cost of the training scheme will be met by a gift of £10,000 from Lord Nuffield.

Pharaoh's Forgotten Wife

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Totalitarian Pharaoh Unas, who ruled Egypt in the 19th century before Christ, had a very completely forgotten wife. It is now revealed by archaeologists who have unearthed and entered the tomb of a Queen Nebet among royal burials in Sakkara.

The very name of Queen Nebet is unfamiliar to modern Egyptologists, but Zaki Y. Saad, leader of the explorations, has found convincing evidence in the tomb to conclude that she was undoubtedly the royal wife of Unas.

The empty tomb, pronounced richly sculptured, is adorned with a great array of inscriptions, adding to knowledge of Egypt's fifth dynasty. A portrait of the queen delicately holding a lotus flower stands over a doorway.

Absolute Monarchs
Pharaohs in the fourth to sixth dynasties are known to have ruled Egypt as absolute monarchs by divine right, and to have held all high offices in the government in dictatorial fashion, including direction of the armies, legal affairs, and the highly important religious functions of the state. Pharaoh owned all land in Egypt, and was the only earthly inhabitant who looked forward to a heavenly life with the gods.

When the tomb of Pharaoh Unas was first entered in modern times by archaeologists in 1881, the royal burial had been robbed, and a few scattered bones are the only remains of this one-time powerful king.

Americans Not Getting Proper Food

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Dr M. L. Wilson, Extension director of the agricultural department, estimates that 45,000,000 Americans are not getting proper food.

"It is impossible to measure the exact nutritional status of all these people, but we do know that diets such as they are consuming cannot promote optimum nutrition over long periods," he told the Southeastern Regional Restaurant convention.

Wilson said the poor nutrition was due to bad food habits and to lack of knowledge of the relation of proper food to health.

He urged restaurants to provide well-planned club meals or "blue plate" specials of nutritive foods instead of specialising on sandwiches.

Miss Harriet Elliott, Defence Commission consumers' counsel, told the convention that improving the nutritional level of the country is a first defence requirement.

Nazis Fear Paris News-Sheets

THE spread of clandestine news-sheets in Paris and elsewhere in the occupied region of France has led Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's agent there, to take counter-measures in two directions.

Through the Paris Chief of Police, M. Langeron, he has forbidden the sale of stencils, gelatine pads or other apparatus which can be used for making copies of typewritten documents.

All duplicating apparatus must be declared to the police and a register kept of all persons buying such articles.

Furthermore, M. Jacques Doriot, the ex-Communist who quarrelled with Moscow and now displays strong Fascist sentiments, has been given a new organ in which to express them in the German interest.

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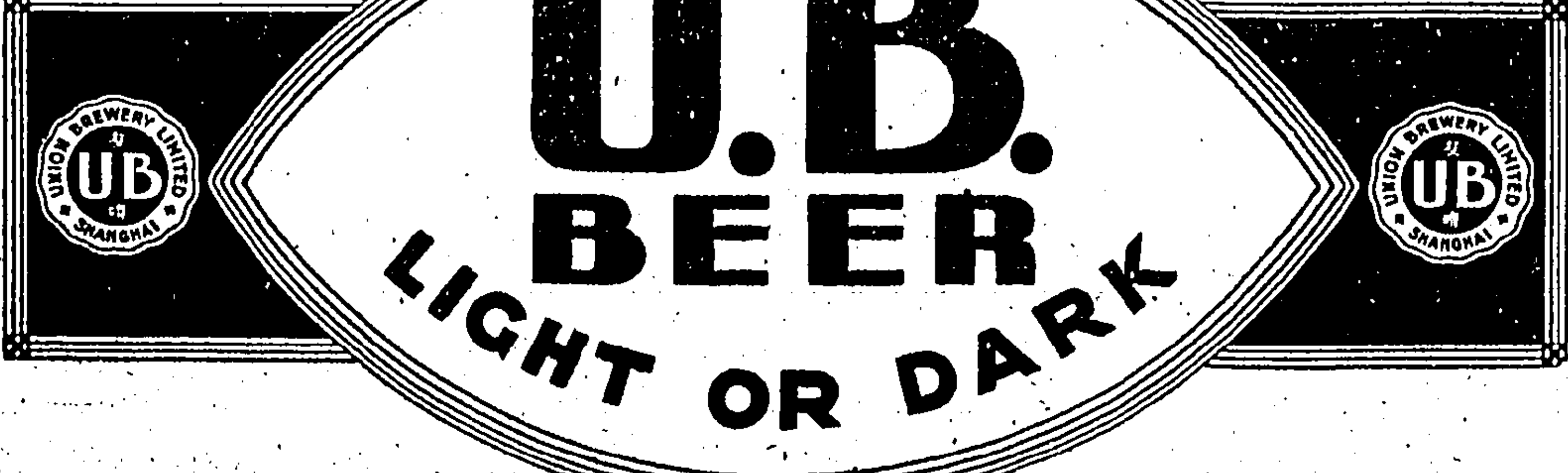
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DANISH COUNCIL FORMED

A Danish Council has just been formed in London. It will represent all Danes and persons of Danish birth in Great Britain in their effort to work for British victory and the liberation of Denmark; help to solve problems arising from the suspension of relations with Denmark; and co-operate with existing organisations both in this country and abroad.

The inauguration took place at the Danish Club recently, at which were present several important members of the Danish colony in London.

It was presided over by Mr T. K. Kielberg, who has a son an officer in the British Army and a daughter in the A.T.S. He is a member of the L.D.V.

United Voice

Mr Kielberg said that through the Council all Danes in this country would be able to speak and act with one united voice.

Office promises have been taken which would be a bureau for Danes who were anxious to serve the cause of liberty. It will link up with the great Danish populations in America and the British Empire.

Pétain's Stalling Annoys The Nazis

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victim of intrigues which have now been exposed. It is time that steps were taken against the persons in the Vichy entourage responsible for "criminal" agitation against the "saviour" of France.

There is at present no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

Laval Discredited
It is, however, obvious that Laval is now so discredited in French eyes that if he is forced upon the Vichy Government, it will be regarded as humiliating and will not make Laval or the Germans more popular.

The whole episode strengthens the belief that a more resilient spirit is prevailing at Vichy and is finding sustenance in the knowledge of British Mediterranean successes; Admiral Lenoir's interviews with Pétain can have left no doubt as to the reality and magnitude of American aid for democracy.

SIX KILLED IN RESCUE BID

The pilot and four passengers of an aeroplane were killed when the pilot tried to catch a parachutist whose parachute had failed to open at Marianna, Arkansas. The parachutist was also killed. The plane dived to get under the parachutist, but collided with him and crashed.

BRITISH FORCES

Four Million Men For Defence

London, Jan. 22.
In the House of Commons to-day Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, announced that the Army and Home Guard now have 4,000,000 armed and uniformed men available for the defence of Britain. Enough factories have been established to supply the Army with everything it requires for a continuous action against the Germans in Europe. The Army and Air Force will have to reduce their demands on skilled labour during the coming months so that labour can be diverted to new factories, ship yards and farms.

The Government fixed the size of the Army in November 1939, but subsequently decided to add equipment for ten additional divisions, but I am not going to say how many divisions it amounts to. It is a very large and formidable force, both with regard to establishment and amphibious power and for the defence of this island.

Mr Churchill, who was speaking at the conclusion of the debate on the manpower problem, said that in the 18th month of the war Britain had 200,000 more workers in munitions and aircraft production than in the 48th month of the World War.

—United Press.

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I was privileged to accompany a daylight patrol. Climbing up from a deep basin, we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of pole squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences. But a young officer told me that many figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps have also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.

How Italy Took It
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Italian press makes valiant efforts to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stress the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and declare that Italy is as resolved as ever to fight on until final victory is achieved.

In descriptions of the battle, great emphasis is laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders, "who fought against 'creative' superior forces upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."

ENGLISH JUDGE RESIGNS

Mr Justice Greaves-Lord has resigned his office of judge of the High Court of Justice, owing to ill-health. Mr Justice Greaves-Lord, who is 62, became a judge of the High Court in 1935. He had been Recorder of Manchester for 13 years before his elevation to the Bench, and was Conservative M.P. for Norwood.

Five Red Army Chiefs Get 31 Diamonds Each

Marshals Timoshenko, Voroshilov, Budenny, Kulik and Shaposhnikov, of the Red Army, have been awarded the gold Marshal's Star.

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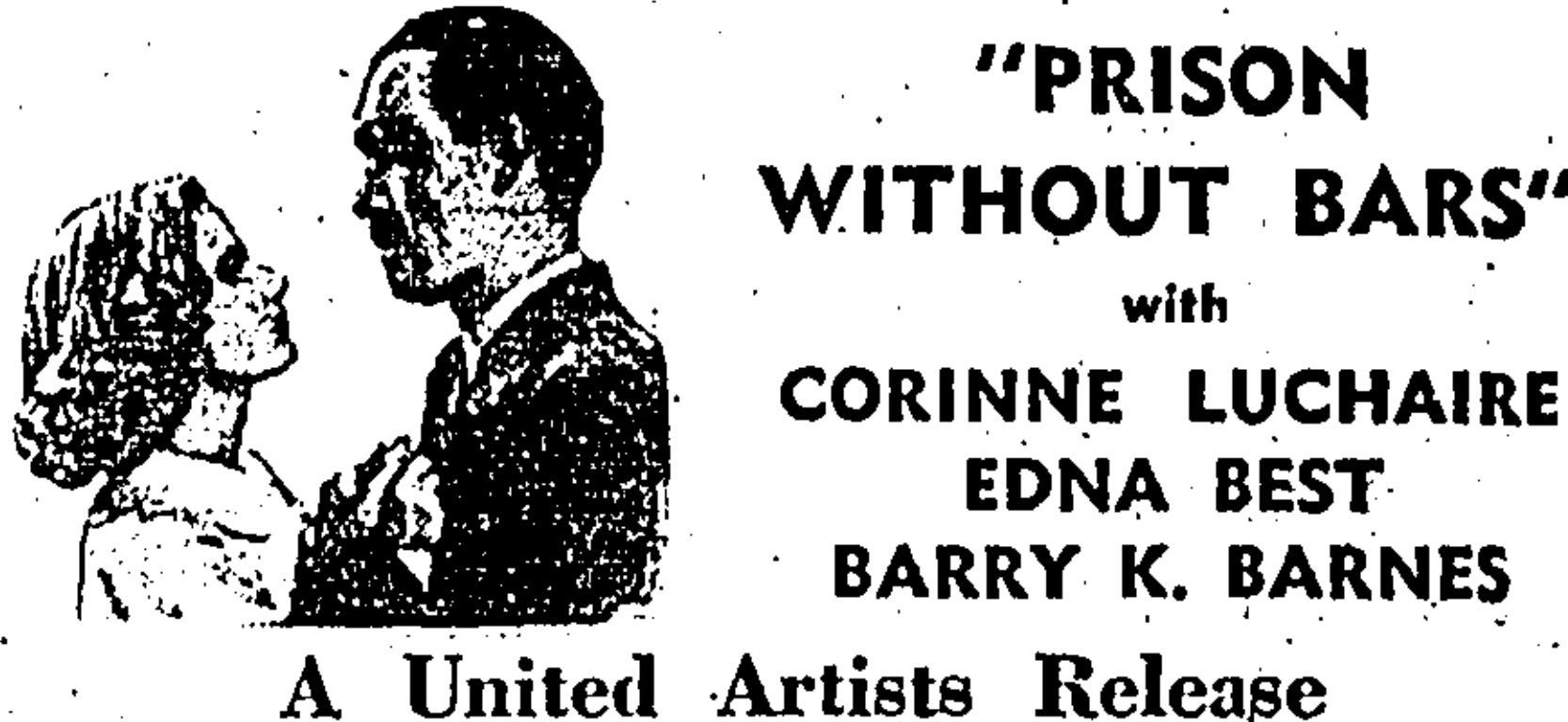


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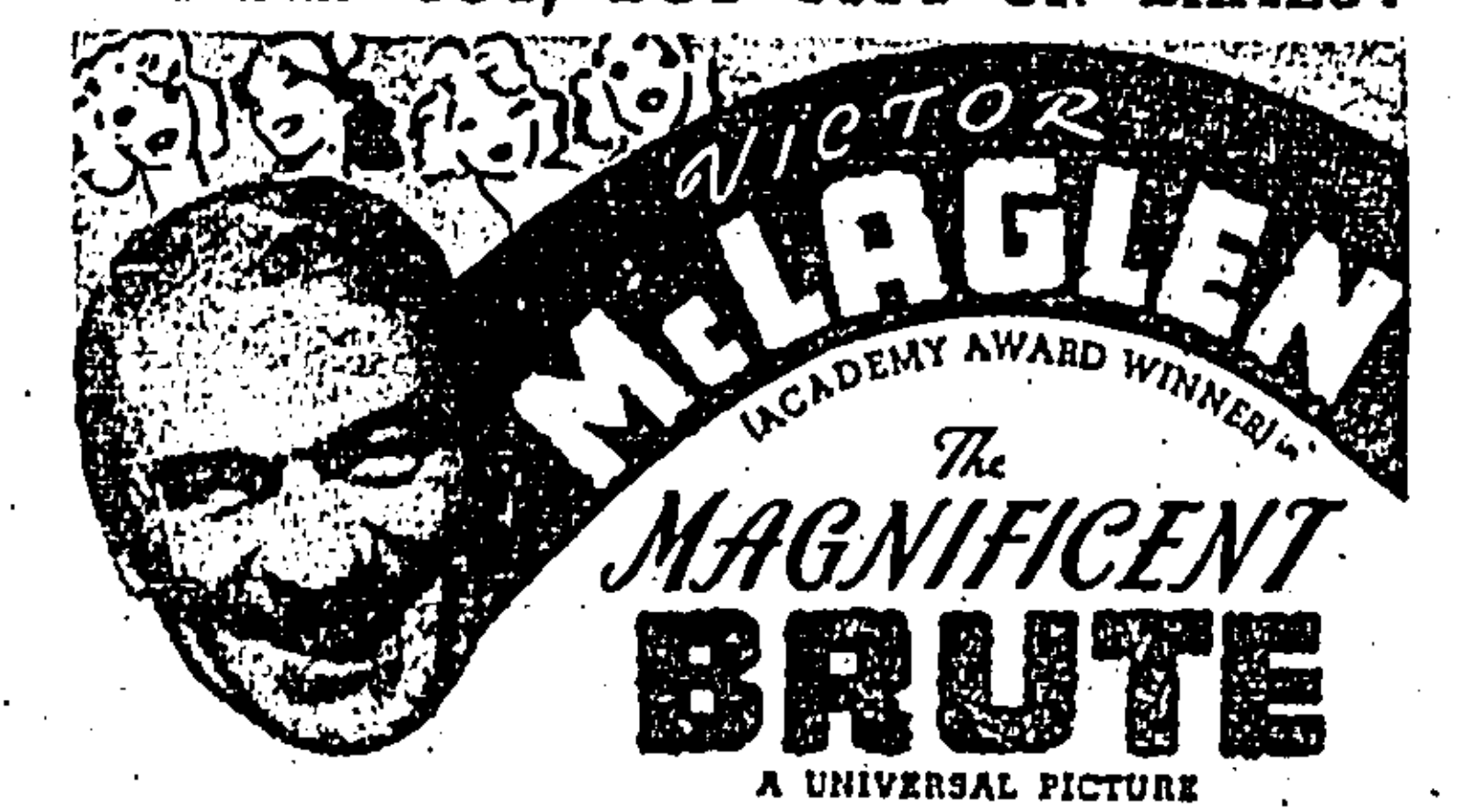
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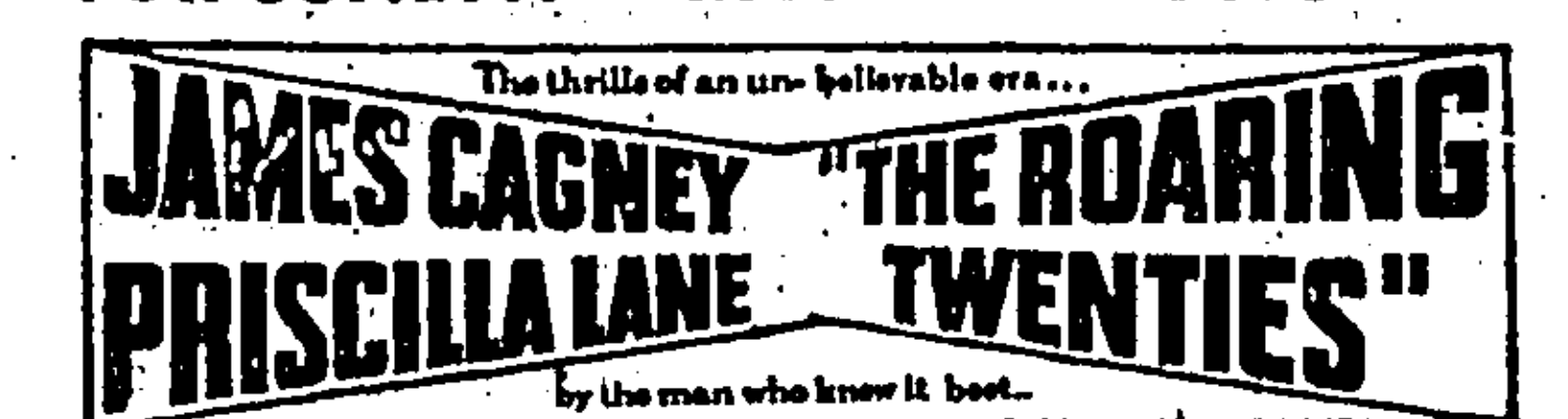
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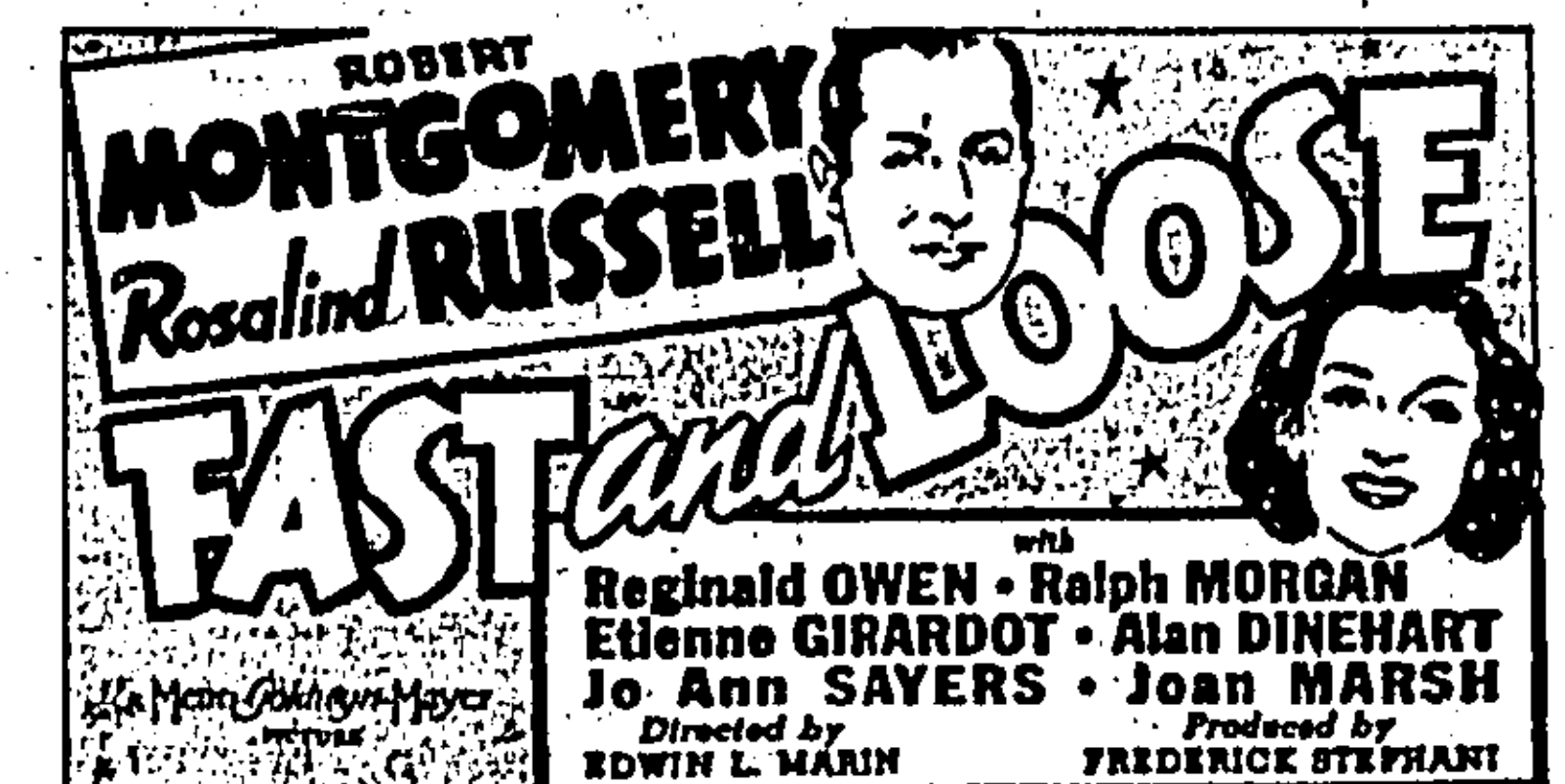
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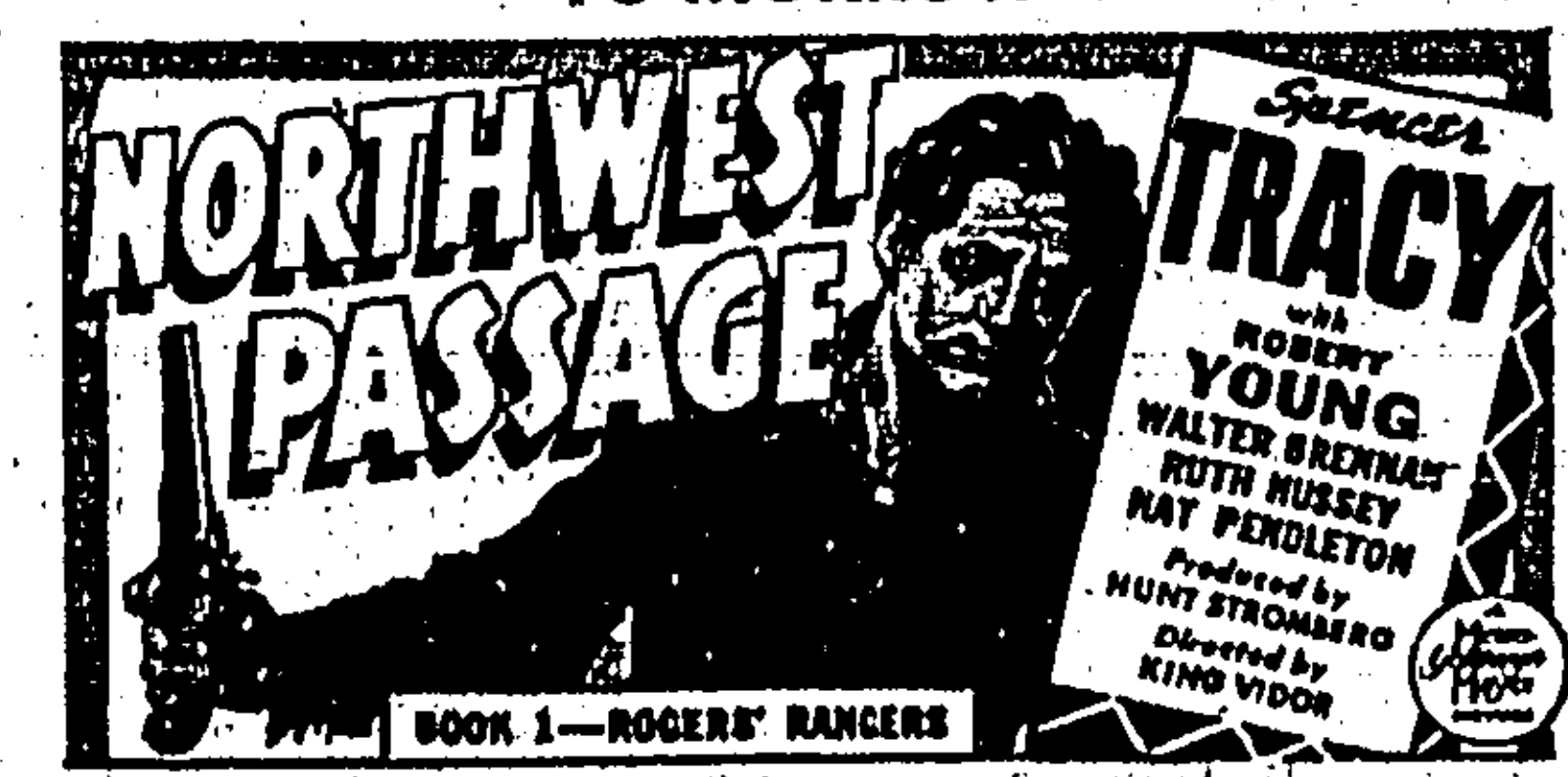
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New Facts About Tobruk's Fall

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. dropped several tons of bombs on the barracks and other military targets at Derna on the night January 20-21, causing large fires which were visible 80 miles.

Other R.A.F. attacks were made in Albania, Rhodes and East Africa.

14,000 PRISONERS AT TOBRUK

Occupation Complete

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Today's General Headquarters communiqué says: "The capture of Tobruk was completed last night. So far over 14,000 prisoners have been taken including a Corps Commander, a Division Commander, two other Generals and a number of Senior Army and Naval Staff officers."

"About 200 guns of all calibres were captured, along with quantities of other military material. Our casualties were under 500. The enemy battle casualties are not fully ascertained but 2,000 wounded have already been evacuated."

General Kietel's Interview

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Hungarian Defence Minister, General Charles Bartha, arrived here at 8.30 a.m. and was met by General von Kietel, Commander-in-Chief of the German armies.

Hungarian circles stated the visit was at the invitation of General von Kietel and was arranged four or five weeks ago; therefore, it is not connected directly with the present situation in southeastern Europe. General Bartha is expected to be interviewed by Hitler, Goering, Ribbentrop and Hess.

R.A.F. Over Tobruk

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers made 87 raids on Tobruk during the day, which preceded the launching of the Army's attack, this playing an important part in the capture of this Libyan port.

From dawn to dusk that day R.A.F. bombers were almost continuously over Tobruk while during the night Derna and Apollonia, further along the coast, were also heavily bombed in order to prevent reinforcements being sent up.

Apart from the moral effect of such bombings, the R.A.F. apparently silenced a number of guns. Fighter pilots also had little rest in maintaining continuous patrols throughout the operations.

Despite all this activity, the R.A.F. lost only three planes in ten days.

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Mr. Keswick Has "Good Night"
SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. W. J. Keswick, who was shot yesterday by a Japanese, had a good night, according to Dr. Hansen, who told "Reuter" that the patient's condition was "very satisfactory."

Story Of Confiscated Certificates Refuted

Frequent reports that certificates issued by the Hongkong Immigration Department have been destroyed by the Japanese when bearers of such certificates reached Chinese territory are unsupported by evidence, it is officially stated this morning.

In answer to an inquiry by the "Telegraph," Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, said that he had endeavored, but without success, to secure any confirmation of these reports.

Two persons had been before him, who claimed to have lost their certificates. They were provided with fresh documents. Their explanation, however, was that the certificates had been taken from them by robbers.

S.C.A. Investigation
The matter, it is learned, has also been investigated by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, but that depart-

Antonescu Reaches A Compromise

Rumania To Become Legionary State

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 23 (UP).—Official Hungarian sources in Bucharest stated today that a compromise has been reached between General Antonescu and the Iron Guard moderates, leaving the Iron Guard extremists out in the cold.

They said that the Vice Premier, Horia Sima had conferred with General Antonescu and ordered the Iron Guard to cease all action.

The Bucharest Radio broadcast a manifesto issued by General Antonescu stating that he is completely organizing Rumania as a "Legionary State." The radio warned the people to evacuate the streets near the police station "because in the mopping-up by the army it may become necessary to use arms." It advised the people to remain indoors and "if the revolutionaries force their way into homes, you must resist until help can be sent."

Legionnaires Claim
Unconfirmed press advices state that the fighting continued up to late Tuesday night. The Legion Radio TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Advance By Greeks Continues

Many Prisoners Taken

ATHENS, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Government spokesman announced that Greek shock troops are continuing their offensive and have occupied a new position, including one strategically important 1,700 metre height, despite stiff Italian resistance.

The spokesman asserted that the Italians are consistently unable to check the Greeks and are retreating hurriedly with heavy losses.

The Greeks captured 200 Italians including officers, mortars, machine-guns, automatic rifles and much material.

It is announced that in the northern sector, the Greeks are repulsing the enemy by very rapid actions, and have advanced, inflicting heavy losses.

Fight Officers Captured
ATHENS, Jan. 23 (UP).—The War Ministry announced "During Thursday's successful operations we occupied enemy territory and took 200 Italian prisoners including eight officers and war materials."

It was affirmed that fierce fighting had occurred at Prilaz near the Russian frontier, and that about 50 were killed. The rebels are defending their positions from house to house, surrendering only when they are encircled.

The Brasov Radio which is again under the control of General Antonescu this afternoon broadcast decrees ordering everyone to surrender all their weapons and ammunition to the authorities and stating that the rebels all over the country had surrendered and that peace and order had been restored.

Antonescu Negotiating

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship in Rumania, according to the Yugo-Slav newspaper "Vereme." Yugo-Slav reports quoted by the Budapest radio stated that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation but it added that the Rumanian radio has warned the people against staying in the streets as "the disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting."

Rumanian troops have already re-occupied the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building, according to some reports, though it is stated that fighting still continues in Bucharest and in other large towns.

Yugo-Slav circles, the Budapest Antonescu added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.

Order Restored

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Bucharest radio announced at 1.15 p.m. today says the Belgrade radio broadcaster, that order is restored everywhere in Rumania.

The Bucharest announcer is said to have stated that the Army is taking orders only from General Antonescu.

LATEST

S'hai Finances In Serious State

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—In view of the very serious financial state, the Council held an emergency meeting of Anglo-American councilors at which the British and American Consuls General were present.

It was decided to convene another special ratepayers meeting at the earliest opportunity if the Japanese can guarantee complete peace and order on the part of their ratepayers.

The Japanese authorities according to an official statement, are taking the most serious view of the shooting affair and are preferring charges against Hayashi.

Mr Keswick's condition is satisfactory. The standing Committee of the Japanese ratepayers Association decided to hold an extraordinary meeting today to discuss yesterday's unexpected developments.

Meanwhile, Mrs Keswick has won the hearts of Japanese officials and residents by visiting Mr. Okamoto, who was also wounded, in the Japanese hospital in Hongkew.

Smashing Blows At Dusseldorf By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is disclosed that the Royal Air Force made a concentrated air attack on Dusseldorf last night and dropped hundreds of bombs on steel works, gas works, coal works, an oil storage plant, munition factory, the aerodrome and the railway.

This attack on Dusseldorf is the twenty-first since the beginning of the war, and came a few hours after a daylight raid in which six Polish members of the R.A.F. machine-gunned German motorboats, grounded planes, troops, truck, convoys and anti-aircraft guns along the French coast invasion ports between the Straits of Dover and the Somme River.

Japan To Mediate In Thailand Dispute; Vichy Accepts Offer

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that the French Government has accepted the offer made by the Japanese Government to mediate in the frontier dispute between Thailand and Indo-China.

The Government instructed the French Ambassador at Tokyo, M. Arsene Henry to arrange details for arbitration.

Foreign Legionnaire Describes Thai War

Special to the "Telegraph"

PNOMPENH, Jan. 23 (UP).—A German member of the Foreign Legion returned yesterday from the Sisophon front minus one foot, and in an exclusive interview with the "United Press" expressed his contempt of the Thai organization and the Thai tactics.

In respect to the equipment of the Thais, he said: "They have everything we need, especially planes which bomb our machine-gun positions throughout the day. I prefer Africa a hundred times to Indo-China. Everywhere the Thais are like monkeys, they swarm in the trees and hide from hidden positions in troops."

Walked Into Ambush
"On January 18, my company met the unluckiest fate of the Foreign Legion thus far. We were ordered to attack beyond Sisophon at dawn when the jungle is hazy. We had 32 men and advanced. Spies had informed us that over 200 Thai troops awaited us in hidden positions. Hell's fire suddenly broke out and an explosive machine-gun bullet tore off my foot. I am the only survivor out of the 32."

"There is a good deal of fifth column activity behind the front. The Thais cannot be distinguished from the Indo-Chinese. We believe that disguised Buddhist monks, who are not hampered as they pass between the fronts, are responsible."

Including the Thais who are wounded, they have already lost thousands. Our losses are smaller, but foreign losses are proportionally large because they must lead the natives who are otherwise no good."

"In this hospital alone there are 100 wounded foreigners. Our Commander said he had heard that tanks and planes are arriving from the United States. If that is true, we will be able to hold all fronts."

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The grand total subscription to the All-India Defence Loans up to January 18 was nearly 480,000,000 rupees.

Queen Visits Raid Shelters

Their Majesties are constantly visiting their subjects in the bombed areas of London and other cities, cheering and consoling them with kindly words. Here we see Her Majesty chatting to little victims of Nazi aggression whilst having their dinner in an air raid shelter.



Artillery Duel

HANOI, Jan. 23 (UP).—The quiet on the Laos front which had lasted since last week was broken on the night of January 21-22 by an exchange of shells at Thakhet, four people being wounded.

On the morning of the 22nd, 30 shells were fired at Vientiane, and during the afternoon 20 more shells came over, causing slight damage. French artillery returned the fire.

Last night there was heavy Thai shooting at Banhouas, north of Luangprabang, and this morning the Thais advanced against an undefended post outside of Bassac. The French remained on the east bank of the Mekong River.

Haile Selassie In Ethiopia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that Haile Selassie entered Ethiopia on January 15 to lead the revolt in co-operation with the British.

Thunderstorm Forces Down C.N.A.C. Plane

A violent thunderstorm which affected the plane's radio caused a C.N.A.C. machine flying from Hongkong to Kunming to make a forced landing on a roadway about 50 miles from Kweilin last week.

The pilot had left Kweilin to complete the trip to Kunming when he ran into a heavy electrical storm which necessitated him turning back. However, he was unable to locate Kweilin and cruised around for several hours before making a perfect landing on a roadway.

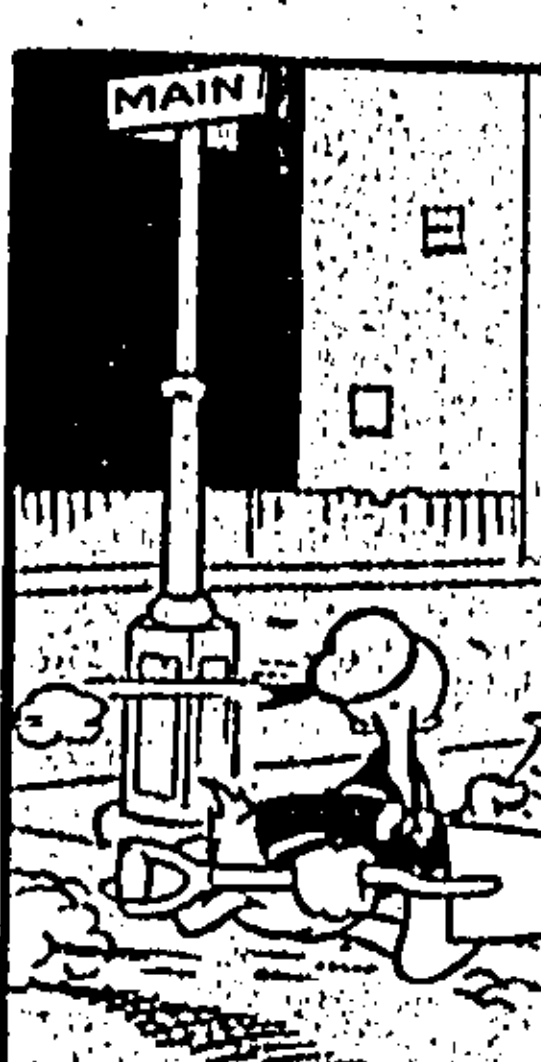
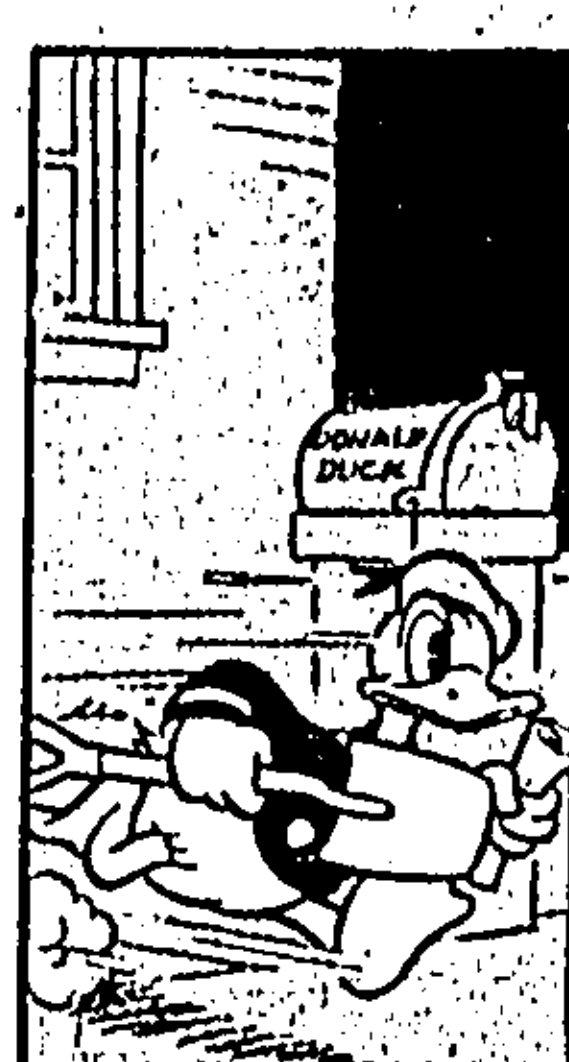
Fortunately the machine was not spotted by any Japanese planes and after he had refueled, the pilot was able to take off and resume his flight. The plane has since returned to Hongkong.

To Plead For Her Husband's Cause

A local Chinese press report states that Mrs. Yeh Ting, wife of the Fourth Route Army commander who was arrested last week, has arrived in Hongkong by plane to seek the assistance of Madame Sun Yat-sen and other leaders in effecting her husband's release.

The Fourth Route Army recently attacked Central Government troops after it had failed to obey an order to move north of the Yangtze River.

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SAVED BLAZING PLANE, GETS V.C.

"THE plane was on fire and by the time my whiskers were singed it looked as if it would blow up. We made for our parachutes, but when I got mine I found it was on fire too."

This is part of a letter home in which Sergeant John Hannah, an R.A.F. wireless operator, tells how he won the V.C.

Hannah, who is only 18, is the youngest recipient of the V.C. since the war began.

Single-handed, he extinguished a fire when the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Antwerp on September 15, after the rear-gunner and navigator had baled out.

The pilot, who brought the machine safely home, has already been awarded the D.F.C.

"I am really lucky to be alive," says Sergeant Hannah's letter.

"The plane was a blazing mass, and a terrific target for the Ack. Ack."

Quick Thinking

"I did some quick thinking and started throwing out the flaming mass."

"During this time ammunition on the 'kite' was going off 10 a penny and the heat was terrific."

"Finally I got the fire out and we limped home and landed at our base."

"I hear that A.A. chiefs and R.A.F. officers have been having the 'kite' photographed from all angles, and I have had so many visits from the big shots that I am beginning to feel quite a big shot myself."

"I have been congratulated on conduct. It seems to have been the first time a fire has been put out in the air."



SERGEANT J. HANNAH

The official account of Sergeant Hannah's work says he forced his way through the flames to get two extinguishers, with which he fought the fire for 10 minutes.

When these were empty he continued to beat out the flames with his log book.

Meanwhile thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding inside the aircraft.

Heat from the fire was so intense that all the aluminium sheet metal on the floor of the cockpit was melted away, leaving only the cross beams.

Birth of The SPITFIRE

Britain's "Spitfire" fighter was really born 15 years ago! It began its amazing career in 1925 as Supermarine S4 mono-plane, designed and built to take part in the Schneider Trophy race off Baltimore, U.S.A., and piloted by H. C. Baird. The plane, after setting up a record of 226 m.p.h., crashed in a test flight before the contest.

What appeared to be a silver bird dancing in the sunlight was the seaplane banking round the first pylon off Bembridge. Across the open sea it dashed to West Witter-

ing, off Chichester Harbour, rose higher, swooped down round the next pylon and on along the 14 miles' leg of the course fringing Southsea and Portsmouth towards the pylon in the Solent.

by Arthur Lamsley

Two years later the Air Ministry took up the Schneider Trophy challenge through the Royal Air Force. In the contest off Venice Flight-Lieutenant Webster won the Trophy for Britain in Supermarine S5 with a speed of 281.65 m.p.h.

Flying Officer Waghorn, R.A.F., won the Trophy again in 1929 in an improved Supermarine S6 at a speed of 328.63 m.p.h. During the same year I watched Squadron Leader Orlebar, now Director-General of Training at the Air Ministry, create a world record of 357.7 m.p.h. with the same machine.

Came 1931—the last of the Schneider contests when Britain won the Trophy outright, with three successive wins.

The day of the great race arrived, September 12. But what a day! Visibility was reduced to about a mile with blinding rain and mist, and the wind howled half a gale. A more unfriendly day for high speed racing could not be imagined. The rules provided for unfavourable weather, and the international racing officials abandoned the race till next day.

Sunday, September 13—unlucky number to the superstitious, but the luckiest day in British aviation—dawned a magnificent day, sun-flooded and with a visibility of over 15 miles. Huge crowds of spectators lined the shores of South Hampshire and the northern coast of the Isle of Wight.

In the testing area off Calshot Castle in Southampton Water a small silver seaplane waited near the starting line, rising and falling uneasily on the short, choppy waves. One o'clock came. A gun boomed! A dull roar followed immediately, and a great splash of spray told that Flight Lieutenant Boothman, R.A.F., England's first choice of pilot, had taken the air in Supermarine S-6B.

His mighty engine, sensitive to the touch of his fingers, roared as the seaplane took off, circling at about 150ft, then landing gracefully, skimming the shimmering blue water like a great gull. It was a magic moment. The crowds within sight gasped as they watched the seaplane again rise suddenly when Lieutenant Boothman opened his engine full throttle and flashed the starting-line into

the speed course of seven rounds totalling 217 miles.

The age of 11 sold newspapers on the streets of his home town.

The "Spitfire" was evolved by the late Mr R. G. Mitchell, chief engineer and designer of the Supermarine Aviation Works, Southampton.

Only 30 years old when he designed the first Supermarine S4, he laboured unceasingly, with undaunted courage against failing health, for a dozen years during which he successfully redesigned his first creation and made it possible for a British machine to attain a world record with a speed of 407 m.p.h.

It was a great blow to British aviation when he died suddenly at the early age of 42, a few months before the delivery of the first fighter Squadron of Spitfires to the Air Ministry in July, 1938.

Designer Mitchell, although born at Stoke, made his home in Hampshire, and the "Spitfire" is a Hampshire machine, created, perfected and produced in the works on the northern shores of Southampton Water.

Over 1,000 years ago King Alfred founded and built the first British Navy on this same bit of Hampshire coast. Alfred's ships cleaned up the invading Danes in a West Solent battle in 897 A.D. and established the beginning of British sea power. "Spitfire" fighters, arriving 1,043 years after, are to-day shooting down invading German bombers in the skies over these same historic English waters.

Recently over Spithead and the Solent it might almost have been a repetition of the Schneider Trophy races when squadrons of "Spitfires" were hurtling through the air after German bombers, sinking one every minute with the fire from eight machine guns.

History repeats itself to those who invade Britain's shores.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Obtained with blood
- 2—Former Central American native
- 3—Snow vehicle
- 4—Mileage
- 5—Girl's name
- 6—Whip's opponent
- 7—Sodium chloride
- 8—Go to
- 9—Ireland
- 10—Folds in garment
- 11—City place
- 12—Twisted wheel
- 13—Arrest
- 14—Accident as female parent
- 15—Character in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"
- 16—Province in India
- 17—Scene of action
- 18—At present
- 19—Look over
- 20—Permit to live
- 21—Moon
- 22—Hardly (abbr.)
- 23—In Iceland, gods of Norse pantheon
- 24—Pat
- 25—Lowest naval commissioned officer
- 26—Filled with bones of plants
- 27—Hill table-land
- 28—Entrance
- 29—More firmly supported
- 30—Field under lease
- 31—Burgund
- 32—Food in general
- 33—Blind mammal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1—Utter brokenly
- 2—Verbal
- 3—Make angry
- 4—Turkish sword
- 5—Ancient Roman emperor
- 6—Girl's name
- 7—Religious ceremony
- 8—Bladed articles
- 9—Imbued thoroughly
- 10—Without friends
- 11—Ancient Scand. deity
- 12—Marine navigator
- 13—Kind of force
- 14—Are full to over-flowing
- 15—Girl's name
- 16—Forecasts
- 17—Difficult shot in billiards
- 18—One of very ancient religions
- 19—Absolute rulers
- 20—Draw water from within
- 21—Loop of rope
- 22—Tasted
- 23—Made mistake
- 24—Exhibiting sound judgment
- 25—Negro tribe of Congo
- 26—County in Nebraska
- 27—Viable representations
- 28—Not as warm
- 29—Eagle's nest
- 30—Pretend falsely
- 31—Floor
- 32—Orchard airport
- 33—Brood
- 34—Cleaning agent
- 35—Girl's name
- 36—Hill secluded valley
- 37—Years of life

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DEATHS

BROOK—At the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, Joshua Brook, at the age of 56 years, the Cortège will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 5 p.m. to-day passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MAY—At the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January, Annie May, widow of the late George Thomas May, in her 88th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

BIRTH

WHITE—At the War Memorial Nursing Home, on the 24th inst., to Margaret, wife of G. A. White, a son, Timothy Peter.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

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BRITAIN'S TRADE

Although Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, recently stated that it had been found necessary to sacrifice Britain's foreign trade to some extent, there is evidence to show that no effort is being spared to keep up the flow of exports abroad, especially to the United States whose dollars are needed to help pay for the equipment that keeps the British war effort moving. The convoys that carry aeroplanes, steel, guns and shells to British ports do not return to the American Continent in ballast. On the contrary, they still continue to make their westward passage well laden with merchandise for the United States market and similar efforts are being made to keep the trade with South America flowing smoothly.

Reports from New York and other American cities show that though Britain's trade may not be "as usual" it is nevertheless continuing. Christmas shoppers found that British textiles, toys, sweaters, gloves, shoes, etc. were plentiful amid an almost total lack of goods from other European countries. Furthermore, a circular, dealing with the woollen trade, stated that British tweeds for men and women are available and will continue to be so. The British woollen industry is now under Government control but evidently the raw material is being fairly distributed, otherwise the circular

A New Alexander

by
Charles Foley

A NEW Alexander has astonished the world and brought new laurels to Greece.

Italy's humiliation in the Greek mountains is due above all to Lieut.-General Alexander Papagos, who was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Greek forces on the outbreak of war.

In spite of his family name there is nothing of the patriarch about this sinewy, handsome soldier.

He received his advanced training in the Ecole de Guerre, the French Staff College, which overlooks the "Field of Mars" in Paris. Here Foch lectured when the century was young.

A cavalry captain in the Balkan wars, Papagos was promoted in 1914 to command a brigade. His age was twenty-eight.

The Greek warrior king Constantine made him his right-hand man. They rode victoriously against the Turks in 1921, deep into Anatolia. Papagos called for a halt; the king cried "Forward!" Greece suffered a devastating defeat.

When Constantine was exiled Papagos kept his royalist faith burning high. In 1935 he went to London to ask, in the name of the Greek Army, that Constantine's son, George II, of the Hellenes, should return to the throne of his fathers.

Like King George, Papagos has always been an admirer of British institutions, and he has his own ideas about the Italians.

In 1936 he vowed that Greece would do her duty against Italy if the Abyssinian campaign led to general war.

You must not see in him a reckless, challenging adventurer. He learned in Paris to regard war as a science; he applied this knowledge to the defensive needs of Greece, reorganising the army, pushing on the defensive works they call the Metaxas Line.

When Italy began her treacherous attack Papagos was ready. "We will write new and glorious pages in our history," he cried. "We will fight on to the last breath."

The glorious pages have been written—to the confusion of Rome's would-be Caesar and to the admiration of the world, which knew that Greece was small and poor in war material, but did not realise she was so rich and great in spirit.

would not have appeared in New York assuring buyers of quick delivery of all orders.

The necessity of maintaining overseas trade is very thoroughly recognised by the manufacturers in Britain and though Hongkong or other parts of the Empire may seem short in certain accustomed commodities, especially in non-essential goods, the United States and other countries able to carry on more or less normal trading facilities, will not be allowed to suffer any lack. The same determination that sends Londoners to their daily occupation no matter what havoc the air raid of the night before has wrought is dominating the unceasing effort to keep up the flow of goods to the vital markets of the world.



THERE'S ONLY ONE TOPIC...

REPRISALS?

NO!

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, M.P.

answers the question of the moment with an emphatic—

"Mr. Churchill came himself to our street. And when he saw what they'd done to our homes, big tears rolled down his cheeks, and he said: 'They'll get the same; they'll get the same.' But next day we read that our boys had been over Berlin, and they hadn't dropped a bomb. You don't know what to think, you don't really."

SHE was a mother from the East End, taking her little girl to safety by a Scotch express. She wanted the mothers and children of Berlin to be bombed, as she was bombed. Because they had not been bombed, she proceeded to express what in Japan are known as "dangerous thoughts"—thoughts so dangerous that they moved a Canadian sergeant in the other corner to a protest in which stung courage was mingled with plain reproach.

"I Can't Forget . . ."

No one who saw that little girl could fail to understand the mother's feelings. No one who has followed Hitler's criminal campaigns, both against his opponents in Germany and his neighbours abroad, can fail to see that radiate terrorism against the defenceless and the weak is his favourite weapon. He has proved it often to be a weapon of deadly power. Can we, ask those in favour of reprisals, now admit that he alone shall use it?

Must we be restrained by moral scruples, by the old rules of international law, from adopting methods which he has used on us, methods by which, as many people think, we could quickly win the war?

Put like that, the question plainly provokes the answer: "No." But . . . I shall never forget a sunny day in April, 1918.

I was driving up the road from Zepheringhe to Ypres, when suddenly, around a bend, French Colonial troops came running in twos and threes. They had thrown away their arms, and they were flying, in uncontrollable panic, from the line.

They had been gassed; they were the first victims of the Kaiser's violation of the "Laws of War."

"We Can, But . . ."

We all remember the fearful shock given to world opinion by his use of this illegal arm. Yet within two years his Allies were beating the German Army in the use of poison gas.

If, in reprisals, we could use that

weapon then, can we not now use the weapon of random, indiscriminate bombing by which Hitler hopes to beat us down?

Of course, we can. And, if we did, no one could say that we had been guilty of a legal wrong.

Hitler has smashed every last remnant of the Laws of War: our hands are free to take whatever measures are required to bring his monstrous aggressions to an end.

But if we did resort to random bombing, I believe we should commit the gravest blunder of all this blundering war.

I believe we should do more to prolong the war perhaps to imperil victory, than if we lost another great campaign.

The People's Part

We all know that, if we win, it will be when the war has become, like the Napoleonic struggle, a war of European revolution against conquest and tyranny.

In that revolution the German people must play their part.

At present, the whips and the machine-guns of the S.S. men keep them helpless. But we know that even in 1933, after he had been six weeks in office, Hitler could not win a majority at the polls.

We know that there are millions, tens of millions, of Germans who hate the cruelties of Hitler's prisons and the crimes of Hitler's wars.

The day will come when our Fifth Column in Germany may comprise not only all the German workers, but the majority of the German nation as a whole.

Nothing could so certainly retard that day as the random bombing of the women and children of Berlin.

Anti-Nazis

The German Army has won great victories. They were won, in part, by the vast numerical superiority of their bombers and their tanks.

They were won still more by undreamt-of treachery, and by an incredible disregard of human life, whether of friend or foe.

But there is widespread witness that, when they are vigorously opposed, the morale of the German soldiers is not so good as the morale of the Kaiser's Army a quarter of a century ago.

Many of them are anti-Nazi; among many of the rest there is no conviction that their cause is just, that they are fighting for the safety of their country, their families and their homes.

Nothing could so stiffen their morale as the random bombing of German towns.

Both at home and in the Army, it would be the highest trump that

Goebbels has been able to play, for many a day.

And random bombing is a form of war in which we should give Hitler every possible advantage.

Working from France, with their short "turn-round," and with their advantage in numbers, his aircraft can drop a far heavier weight of bombs in Britain than we can send to Germany in reply.

At night, his pilots cannot find their military targets; our pilots can and do. By random bombing we should sacrifice that immense technical advantage.

We know that, up to date, we have done incomparably greater military damage in Germany than he has done to us.

We know that in London he has wasted—yes, wasted—a vast proportion of his bombs.

Why should we imitate his example and do the same?

That argument is greatly strengthened by the fact that Hitler may soon be running short of oil.

Every expert is agreed that he has already begun to feel the pinch. It is his greatest weakness, and it is a mortal weakness.

The Best Targets

Without oil, not a single German aircraft can fly, not a submarine can put to sea, not a tank or a gun can take the field.

Transport difficulties make it impossible for Hitler to bring more than a small proportion of his requirements from Germany. The other countries he has occupied produce no oil; we have stopped their normal overseas supplies; they are an actual drain on his oil resources.

Already, Hugh Dalton tells us, we have bombed 80 per cent. of his oil refineries and 80 per cent. of his plants for making oil from coal.

If we multiply the bombs, these refineries and plants can be utterly destroyed.

Already we have set fire to many of his oil reserves; and we know that oil tanks, once well alight, may burn for weeks. They are the easiest of all targets to find and hit.

With such targets at our mercy it would be utter madness to bomb women and children instead.

Overing must be on his knees every night and morning, praying to Thor and Odin to strike us with this madness.

An Abomination

Finally, whatever we ourselves may suffer, the bombing of women and children remains an abomination, which, if we were guilty of it, all future generations of our people would deplore.

Our pilots have done deeds that have been the wonder of the world. They have been inspired, at least in part, by the cold anger which they felt at the atrocities committed by the Nazi airmen in Holland, in Belgium and in France.

If we told them now to commit these same atrocities in Germany, I believe they would think it not only a waste, but a veritable prostitution, of their courage, their training and their skill. I should not like to see the man who gave the order, and I should not believe that no such order will be given, either now or in the months to come.

THE DANCING CENTENARIAN

Suffolk's oldest evacuee, Mr. William Minter, of Ipswich, danced round a cake with 100 candles at Leicester in celebration of his 100th birthday.

The dancing centenarian writes verse and entertains his friends with selections from music-hall favourites. He has four great-grandsons in the Forces.

"ALL CLEAR"

By F. G. H. Salusbury

THERE'S a red dawn rising whence the raiders fled,
And his dust thick upon a shattered bed:
There's a new world waking that the bombs have made,
And one more morning for the Chars' Brigade.

For the skies may thunder and the guns may roar,
But brass bands cleaning up the office door;
There are floors want washing in a thousand rooms,
And someone's got to use the pails and brooms.

Through the long streets, haunted still by wild-eyed cats,
Come slouching old benighted grunting staid old hats:
With a "What luck, dear?" and a "Can't complain,"
The Ma's of London take the field again.

Though the Hun may threaten until all bells freeze,
His only work will find his on her knees:
And it goes like clockwork, after raid on raid,
Does the "All Clear" given by the Chars' Brigade.

AUSSIES TAKE OVER

Hoist Anzac Hat At Tobruk

"REUTERS" AT TOBRUK
Jan. 23.—Having broken down the Italian resistance in 26 hours cheering Australians hoisted down the Italian flag in the town centre to-day and hoisted instead an Anzac hat.

The total number of prisoners is estimated at 20,000 which number includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, the peace-time garrison of the fort, 1,600 members of the naval garrison, and 700 of the crew of the sunken cruiser San Giorgio.

The Military Police and Customs officials reveal that a hundred civilian technicians and fishermen are also among the prisoners.

The garrison surrendered at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Australian cavalry units in Bren-gun carriers stormed the main road to the town and broke the steel, concrete, and sand-bagged barrier and then drove in. They were met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire to which they promptly replied.

Then the entire garrison surrendered. I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry—men caked with the dust from the Libyan desert and burnt with the sun, and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Unnerved Garrison
As I entered the gateway to the victorious imperial troops, thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out. All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solario Alente forts had been silenced after stiff fighting, and the stronghold of Filastino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Filastino, the Australians came unexpectantly on 14 Italian tanks in a dried-up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery, the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

Infantryman Takes Tank
One Australian captured a tank and its crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

When Filastino was occupied by the British, it was shelled from Solario Alente forts until they were also taken.

In the open desert between Solario Alente, the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Dero Mura of the 61st Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defences had been cut off. After that they only resisted spasmodically and quickly surrendered.

Water Shortage Risks
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—In a broadcast war commentary, Major-General R. J. Collins said that General Wavell's original attack might have had to be one of the tip-and-run type—a mere raid, though on a large scale.

"Without water, no one could have carried on—in fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done."

"Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance, there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away. Water has been and may be again, the crux of the whole show."

Press Acclaims Wavell
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—That the end of the Fascist Regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes "the whole province of Cyrenaica is im-

Nomura's Plans For Pacifying Tokyo-Washington Relations

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The departure of Ambassador Nomura for America is coincident with revelations by "United Press" of a three-point programme by which efforts will be made to improve Japanese-American relations after his arrival in Washington.

Well-informed Japanese sources told "United Press" firstly, Japanese diplomacy centres on the tripartite pact; secondly, Japanese diplomacy would insist on United States recognition of Japan as the stabilising factor in the Far East; and thirdly, Japan is willing to make vigorous efforts consistent with the two foregoing principles to improve relations with the United States.

U. S.-Soviet Relations

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The lifting of the United States "moral embargo" on the export of aeroplanes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press as no newspapers published here to-day.

Official circles are reticent on the subject, but opinion here is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American Consulate-General at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Refrigerator And Cooker

Among Prizes For The Bomber Fund Raffle

Over two hundred valuable prizes have now been donated for the Bomber Raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the War Fund, the total value being approximately \$25,000. The following are the latest gifts:

One Moffatt Electric Refrigerator, 0.9 cubic feet, value \$300; One Moffatt Electric Cooker, 7.6 kilowatts; value \$110, both British Empire products, donated by Messrs Sheehan, Tones & Co., Ltd.

One Magazine Cine-Kodak, f.1.8, 8 Lens, value \$50, donated by the Esplanade Kodak Company.

One beach canoe; one silver rose bowl and one silver card case, donated by Major and Mrs Wilcox.

Two credit notes value \$100 each; one credit note value \$50, on the Sincere Co. Ltd., donated by China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. The tickets, which are being specially designed and printed free of charge, will not be available for some time, but enquiries should be addressed to "Bomber Raffle, Hongkong War Effort Committee, Office, Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong. Telephone 27323.

perilled our sea and air power much enhanced by our grip on Tobruk. As for the rest of the Fascist empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia."

Describing Graziani as "his most unpunished soldier," the paper says "the futility of his strategy was doubtless not all his own but was partly imposed on him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the fatuous vanity of Mussolini. He has been hopelessly out-matched by the British Commander. The history of war records names of few generals of equal success in that most difficult of military arts—extracting the greatest possible advantage out of victory."

Saying that the presence of the Australians at Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist hierarchy to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution" the "Daily Express" asks "how much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence or hope for Hitler to save them?"

Departure From Tokyo

To see Admiral Nomura off at Tokyo station, Mr Joseph Grew, American Ambassador, and other Embassy officials attired in morning coats and silk hats were on hand. Mr Grew accompanied Admiral Nomura to the ship, the Kamakura Maru, which is scheduled to sail from Yokohama.

Foreign Minister Y. Matsuoka, Army Chiefs including General Sugiyama, and Admirals Zengo Yoshida, Osami and Nagano were among the several hundreds of high Government officials and civilian leaders who said goodbye to Admiral Nomura at the Tokyo Station platform, which was guarded by a special squad ofgendarmes.

Admiral Nomura is accompanied by his adviser, Kaname Wakasugi, who was a former Consul General at New York, his personal physician, Doctor Kitano, Sakai, and his secretary Katsuzo Okumura.

Japanese Industrialists Win Economic Issue

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The "Asahi" said that besides the abandonment of the election revision law plan, the Cabinet decided to shelve the bill for the establishment of "A new economic structure" under which the Government would take over the management of industries, a bill which had been strongly opposed by industrialists.

However, the Cabinet was planning to achieve virtually the same purpose by revising the national mobilisation law under which the business licensing system would be instituted.

Upper House Support
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Upper House members have decided to submit to the Plenary Session on Saturday a resolution similar to the lower House's, supporting the Cabinet in strengthening defences in order to cope with the present grave situation both at home and abroad. It reflects virtually an unconditional support of the Government programme.

Indo-China Increases Import Duties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day received a cablegram from Saigon revealing that a new schedule of import duties, applicable to all countries, became effective in French Indo-China on January 1.

The duties are wholly ad valorem, ranging from five per cent. to 130 per cent. on the minimum tariff, with a general rate of three times the minimum. The list of products heretofore exempted from import duty remains substantially unchanged. Minimum rates will continue to be applied to most imports from the United States.

Sicilian Aerodromes Attacked By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of January 22-23.

A Middle East communiqué from R.A.F. Headquarters says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.

N.E.I. Snubs Matsuoka

Claims Want No Part In New Order

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Netherlands East Indies press objected to Mr Matsuoka's reference to the Indies as "the same as Thailand and Indo-China."

As H. Van Mook "Strong man of the N.E.I." heading the Dutch delegates soon to spar with the Japanese trade mission said in a statement, "There is no change in the stand of the Volkraad which is claiming that the Netherlands East Indies are no part of the Asiatic bloc. It is of vital importance for the Netherlands East Indies to maintain complete sovereignty." Van Mook refused to discuss the present political aspect saying that his Department was solely economic. He said that 90 per cent of Netherlands East Indies export trade and income was with non-East Asiatic countries.

The press comments that "Mr Matsuoka's South Sea lyrics" are totally unnecessary to revise the situation in "such a drastic manner" as is possibly indicated. The "Java Boole" in an editorial said that the inclusion of the Netherlands East Indies in the category of "The New Order of Asia" would give Japan the right to interfere in local foreign and interior policies.

Relation With Japan

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The firm stand of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was re-affirmed to-day by Van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting in an interview with "Reuter" on the speech of Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, Jonkheer Van Mook said that he failed to understand what Mr Matsuoka meant by a "situation which has hitherto thwarted the relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relation with Japan has been onerous in the same manner and on the same basis as other countries," Jonkheer Van Mook declared.

Discussing Mr Matsuoka's statement that "if only for geographical reasons," the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, he said that the economic structure of the N.E.I. made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale, adding that despite the war 90 per cent of the East Indies' export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries. That proved, he said, that mere geographical situation was not the deciding economic factor.

Norwegian Shipping Association Closed

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Gestapo men have been ordered to seize the funds of the Norwegian Shipping Association and to seal the offices.

On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Herr Terboven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association's President, Bloern Hansen and the Managing Director, Klameess, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.

PROPOSES WAR GIFT

As Substitute To Aid British Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senators Ed Johnson and Robert Taft to-day introduced a substitute for the Aid Britain and the Johnson Bills, authorising an outright gift of \$2,000,000,000 worth of war materials, provided Britain gives the United States complete information on performance, and agrees to make all her purchases in the United States.

Senator Taft said that the Bill would authorise the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend Britain \$1,000,000,000; Canada \$500,000,000 and Greece \$50,000,000.

Two Die In Plane Crash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ST LOUIS, Mo. Jan. 23 (UP).—Two were killed and 12 injured early to-day when a Transcontinental and Western Airways air liner crashed one mile southwest of Lambert Field, tearing down telephone wires.

The plane apparently dived, as it approached the field for an instrument landing. The dead are Pilot Captain P. T. Scott and Mr J. Foot, a TWA employee.

Favours Aid To Britain

Gallup Poll Result
NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—A sharp increase in American sentiment favouring aid for Britain is shown in the latest Gallup poll which follows President Roosevelt's recent "fireside chat" and message to Congress.

The question asked was: "Which of these two things do you think more important for the United States to try to do—keep out of the war ourselves, or help Britain win even at the risk of getting into the war?"

The replies showed that 60 per cent. favoured helping even at the risk of entering the war while 32 per cent. favoured staying out.

Taking Greetings To Chiang

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—President Roosevelt's Administrative Assistant, Mr Laughlin Currie, has been given leave of absence in order to visit Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for first hand information on the Chinese economic situation. The visit will be made at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

The White House said that Mr Currie will transmit the President's personal greeting to the Generalissimo.

Mr Currie will be accompanied by Mr Emile Despres, Senior Economist and head of the Research and Statistics Division of the Federal Reserve System. They will leave San Francisco by Clipper next Tuesday, and they expect to return about March 1.

U. S. Sailors Sentenced For Insult To Nazis

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Suspended sentences of 90 days have been delivered by the Municipal Judge here on two seamen of the United States Navy who were charged with flapping down a Swastika flag from the German Consulate.

They will be handed over to the naval authorities who have promised that they will be "adequately dealt with."

The State Department has already expressed regret to Germany for the incident.

General Wu Teh-chen

RANGOON, Jan. 22.—General Wu Teh-chen left for Bassein south-west of Rangoon to-day but is expected to return on January 24.

He was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane. On the following day, he addressed the Rangoon Rotary Club.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

U. S. Delegate Talks With Yugo-Slav Government

VICHY, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy, who arrived in Belgrade last night, was received to-day by the Yugo-Slav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram.

Colonel Donovan told reporters that he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and that he hoped to visit Prince Paul (the Regent), the Vice-Premier, the War Minister and other military leaders.

He declined to say whether he had a personal message for the Regent from President Roosevelt. He said that his mission had nothing in common with that of Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, who visited Europe last spring as the President's special envoy.

Colonel Donovan will later visit Athens, Turkey, Palestine and Egypt, arriving in Egypt about the middle of February.

Asked regarding reports that important diplomatic documents had been stolen from him on the train between Sofia and Belgrade, he replied that only his passport was missing.

Wants Cuba In The U.S.A.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senator William Smathers has introduced a resolution in the Senate authorizing the President to negotiate with the Cuban Government upon the terms necessary for Cuba to enter the United States, which would be granted upon conditions satisfactory to both countries.

The Senator said: "Cuba is at present dependent upon America for military security and her economic welfare."

BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—The new German Minister to Rumania, Herr von Killinger, is now enroute to Bucharest.

East African Campaigns

Pressure Maintained

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Imperial troops are now in contact with the Italian forces which withdrew from the Kassala area and which are now holding defensive positions, declared a communique issued to-day.

Operations continued to develop successfully.

Pressure on the enemy east of Metemma, Abyssinia, was being maintained.

In the Kenya offensive, activities by Imperial patrols continue.

S. Africans' Success

NAIROBI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a mid-day raid on Yavel, low aerodrome in Abyssinia.

Following a reconnaissance during which bombs straddled the main target, two waves of aircraft went over. The first showered high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, directly hitting one Caproni which burst into flames.

The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.

One pilot dropped a salvo directly on a hangar while another pilot hit hutments and barracks.

The raid was made by the same squadron which recently destroyed two Italian aircraft and crippled four more at the same aerodrome. This squadron alone has already carried out 63 operations against the Italians.

CATHOLIC FUNDS IN AMERICA Unfrozen Balances

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to the delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources.

It is understood that when the Administration was considering freezing foreign funds, Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.

It is felt that this situation can be overcome.

There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her entire financial position, but the frankness with which Britain has complied has undoubtedly helped her cause.

British Military Attache Arrives In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Major-General Lancelot Ernest Denys, M.C., the new British Military Attache in China, arrived in Chungking from Burma this morning by plane.

The Assistant British Military Attache is expected in Chungking shortly.

Major-General Denys is the second senior military attache in Chungking, the senior being the new Soviet attache, Lieutenant General Chuykov, who arrived recently. Lieutenant General Chuykov took part in the Finnish campaign.

Effects Of Evacuation On Queen's College

"You cannot succeed in life without doing something to make the world a better place and, conversely, you will not be of much use to your fellow-men unless you attain some measure of success," said Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E., M.A., former Director of Education, when he gave away prizes at Queen's College Annual Prize Day this morning.

Among the visitors present were Mr. F. J. de Rome, Mr. C. G. Solis, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell and Mrs. Updell, Dr. Gray and Mrs. J. P. Feilly, the Very Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wallington, Mrs. G. P. de Martin and Messrs S. M. Churn, Chow Ping-un, W. J. Dyer and L. Morgan.

The Principal, Mr. M. G. O'Connor, said: "School re-opened on September 18 instead of 11 owing to demands made on members of the staff by the war. Further demands were made later from time to time but from the figures I shall submit presently, I hope that you will feel that things did not go too badly."

Evacuation Effects
The maximum enrolment was 620 and our average attendance for the year was 50.62% as against 97.48% for the previous year. This drop is partly due to the evacuation to Macao of some of the boys in July. Comparatively few boys were absent because of ill-health, and no doubt, mass vaccination against smallpox and injections against cholera have contributed towards this state of affairs. I regret to say that there was a certain amount of sickness among members of the staff. There was one memorable day when Queen's College could boast of only one European master on the premises. A new departure in connection with 'health' was introduced in March, namely, dental inspection for each boy. Boys now go to Queen Mary Hospital for advice and treatment.

Examination Results
Of the 21 boys who entered Matriculation, 12 passed with a total of 11 distinctions. In the Class 2 School Certificate Examination 80 boys sat and 45

Asia Lands Report

Loss On Last Year

The ninth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Asia Lands Limited was held at the Offices of the Company on the second floor of the Mercantile Bank Building this morning, Mr. L. Kadoorie, the Chairman, presiding.

Others present included Messrs C. Miskin, John Fleming, E. M. Brydon and A. E. Gutierrez.

In his speech, the Chairman said: "I regret that the accounts laid before you show a loss of \$64,070.75, but this includes the item of depreciation on the Company's properties amounting to \$40,533.41 so that the net working loss for the year amounts to \$17,537.34."

River Trade
Income from our Po Tak Wharf has remained at the same level as last year but, we have had to expend some \$5,500.00 on essential repairs, which we trust will suffice for some time. Whatever hope we may have had of a better return from the Hing Kee Wharf has not been realised, conditions in the river trade having remained unchanged throughout the year. From August last, this wharf, for a period of three months, had a tenant not engaged in the river trade but who then appeared a very welcome change from our usual dependence on that trade did not last on account of the extension of Japanese activities to Indo-China.

Our house properties are all fully occupied at reasonable rentals but repairs have been considerable. Our bank overdraft on "General" Account has been slightly reduced notwithstanding the outlay on repairs. However, an increase of about \$11,000 has taken place in our bank overdraft on "Piers" Account due to the heavy outlay on wharf repairs and renewal already referred to, and to the fact that income from Hing Kee Wharf was insufficient to meet bank interest on the relative loan.

I do not think there are any further comments I can usefully make, and I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask."

Mr. Miskin seconded the adoption of the report and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleming proposed that Mr. Miskin be re-elected Director and Mr. Kadoorie seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Miskin proposed that Messrs Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors and Mr. Kadoorie seconded. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Prisoners Of War Escape

But Soon Recaptured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". AT AN EAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 23 (UP).—Two German war prisoners from a consignment of several hundred former flyers and members of U-boat crews, celebrated their first night in Canada by escaping. One was captured immediately. It is understood that one is the famous German war ace, believed to be Major Helmuth Wick, 25 years of age, who is credited with shooting down 56 Allied planes. The second German airman who escaped has been captured after he was seen pulling on overalls to hide his uniform.

KUNMING, Jan. 24 (Central News).—Kunming was raided yesterday by Japanese aircraft for the second consecutive day. Six planes bombed Kunming's western suburbs while nine others raided points west of the provincial capital.

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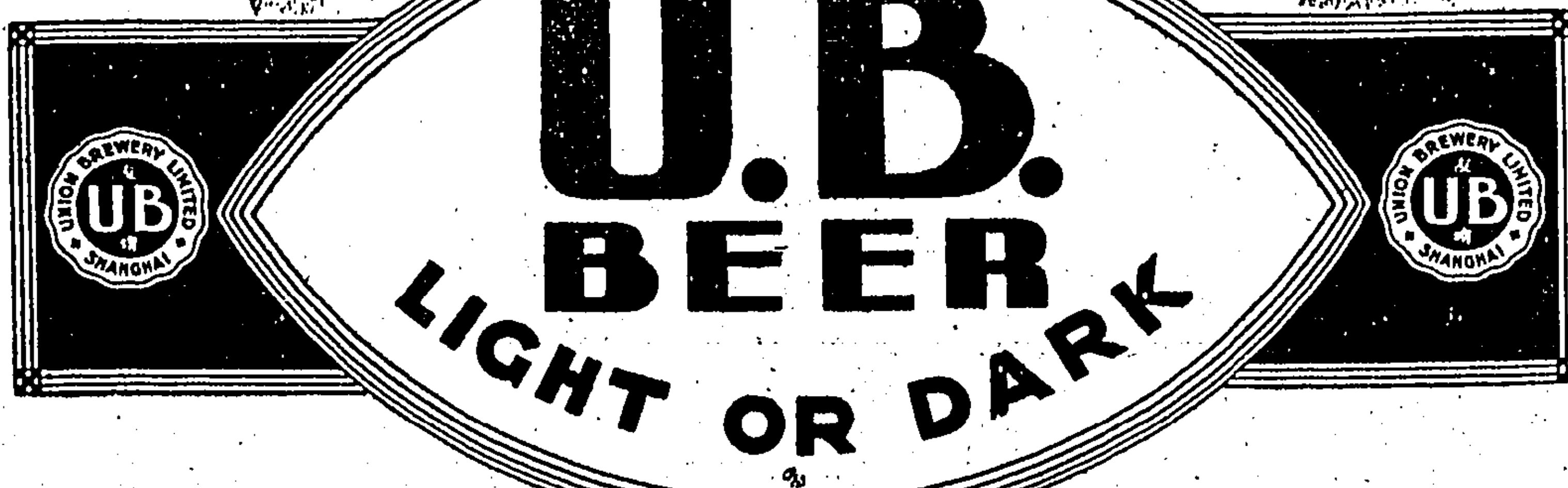
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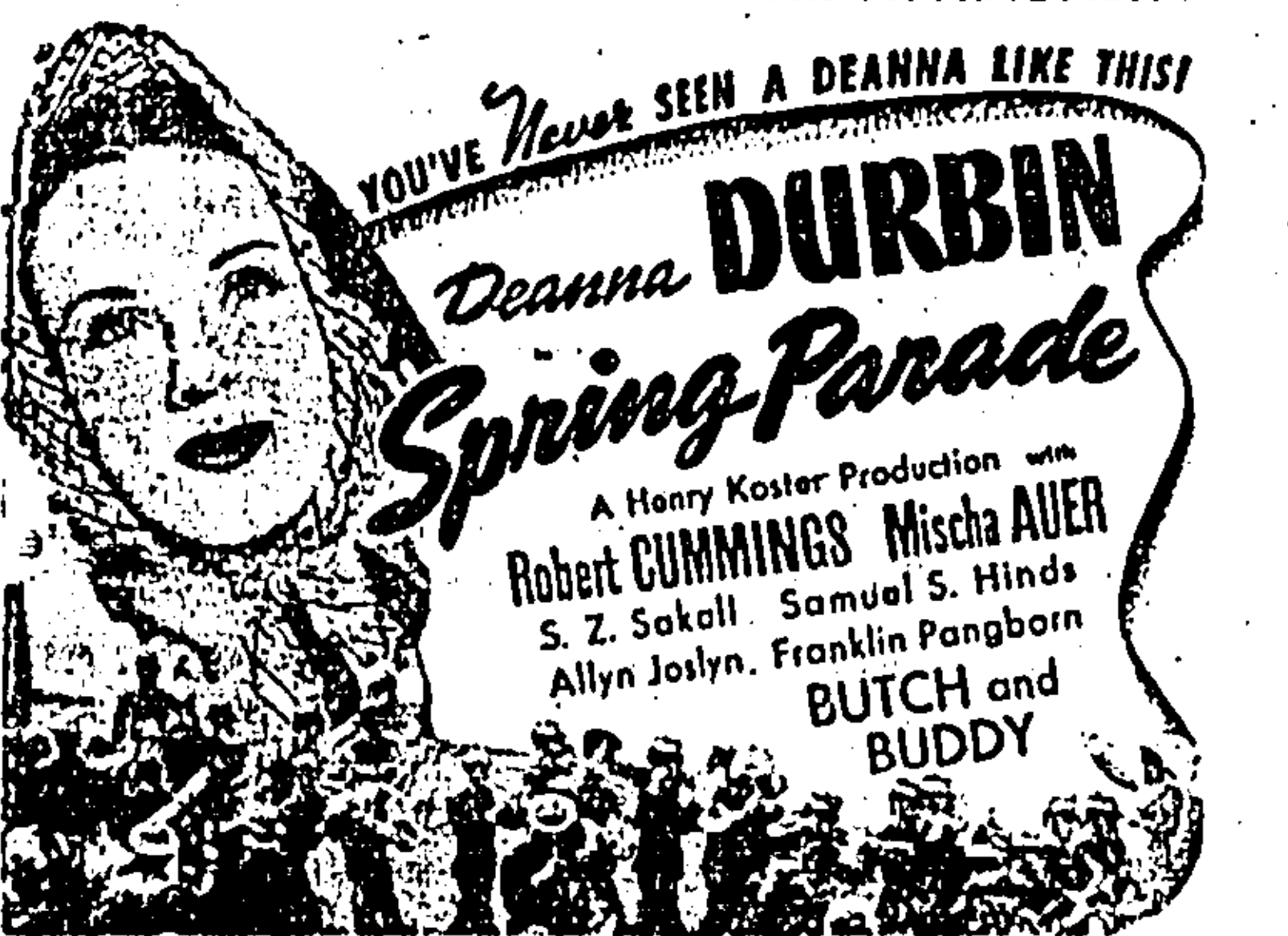


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deep basin, we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of pole squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences. But a young officer told me that many figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps have also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.

How Italy Took It
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The Italian press makes valiant efforts to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stress the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and declare that Italy is as resolved as ever to fight on until final victory is achieved.

In descriptions of the battle, great emphasis is laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders, "who fought against greatly superior forces upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."

Britain's Quiet Night

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Early this morning it was reported that all was quiet throughout Britain during the night.

Burma Route Bombed

Japanese Activity SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE IN INDO-CHINA, Jan. 23 (Domei).—Units of the Japanese Naval Air Force this morning subjected Kunming, as well as the Kungkuo Bridge on the Yunnan-Burma road to intensive air bombardment, according to the Press Section of the Japanese South China Fleet. The units which attacked Kunming, scored direct hits on several places outside the city where a number of enemy trucks were parked, while the formation which bombed the Kungkuo Bridge, despite unfavourable weather, succeeded in destroying the old span, thereby completely cutting off traffic on the Burma route. It is recalled that the new Kungkuo Bridge was destroyed on December 24, last year, by Japanese naval aircraft. All Japanese planes which participated in to-day's raids, returned to their base safely.

Police Offer Reward

The Hongkong Police are offering a reward of \$200 for the return of Police motor boat No. 10 which drifted away from Tai O, Lantau Island on the night of January 20. The vessel is 25 feet long, is painted grey and has the words "Police No. 10" inscribed in brass lettering on the bow.

Antonescu Reaches A Compromise

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broadcast alleged that 30,000 members were ready to die for the Legionary regime and claimed that the peasants and workers in the provinces are supporting it. Another broadcast said that new Mayors would be appointed throughout Rumania within 48 hours from amongst those who had not participated in the disturbances.

The Minister of Interior, M. Popescu in a manifest said, "resistance by misguided Legionnaires has been broken everywhere."

Bucharest Unrest
RUSTCHUK, BULGARIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—Reports from Bucharest declare without confirmation that more than 1,000 people were killed in the capital alone up to 9.30 p.m. on Thursday and that hundreds of corpses are being collected throughout the city and thrown out into the suburbs.

Despite the order issued by the Vice-Premier, Horia Sima, a large number of Legionnaires have refused to obey and at 11 a.m. the situation is still not clear.

Antonescu's Promise

BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Bucharest reveal that General Antonescu issued a proclamation promising to weather the Legionnaires and establish a Government of reliable and capable men. He urged the Rumanian people to stand firm behind the Government.

The Vice Premier, in an order of the day to the Legion said the political situation was beginning to clarify itself. "In the interests of the State's authority I call on all Legionnaires to take up normal life again."

Rebellion At An End

LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Radio Bucharest broadcast that General Antonescu had telegraphed all Ambassadors and Ministers, "Order restored, rebellion at end."

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: The market was quietly steady.

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Cements \$18/18.25
Ropes \$8.25
Watsons \$11.15
Lane Crawfords \$7.50

LATE NEWS

Ernest Hemingway Coming To H.K.

Ernest Hemingway, famed American author of "Farewell to Arms" and the "Way of a Transgressor," and who became noted for his despatches from Spain during the Spanish Civil War, will be visiting Hongkong early next month and will stay here for some time. He is due in Shanghai next week. It is stated that while in the Far East he will be contributing articles to "P.M.", the New York newspaper, whose foreign editor, Mr. Neville, wrote a story for the "Telegraph" recently.

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